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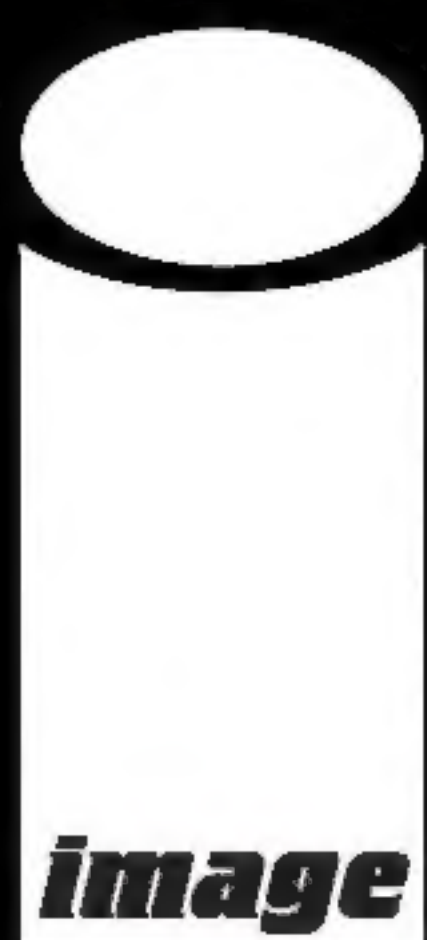


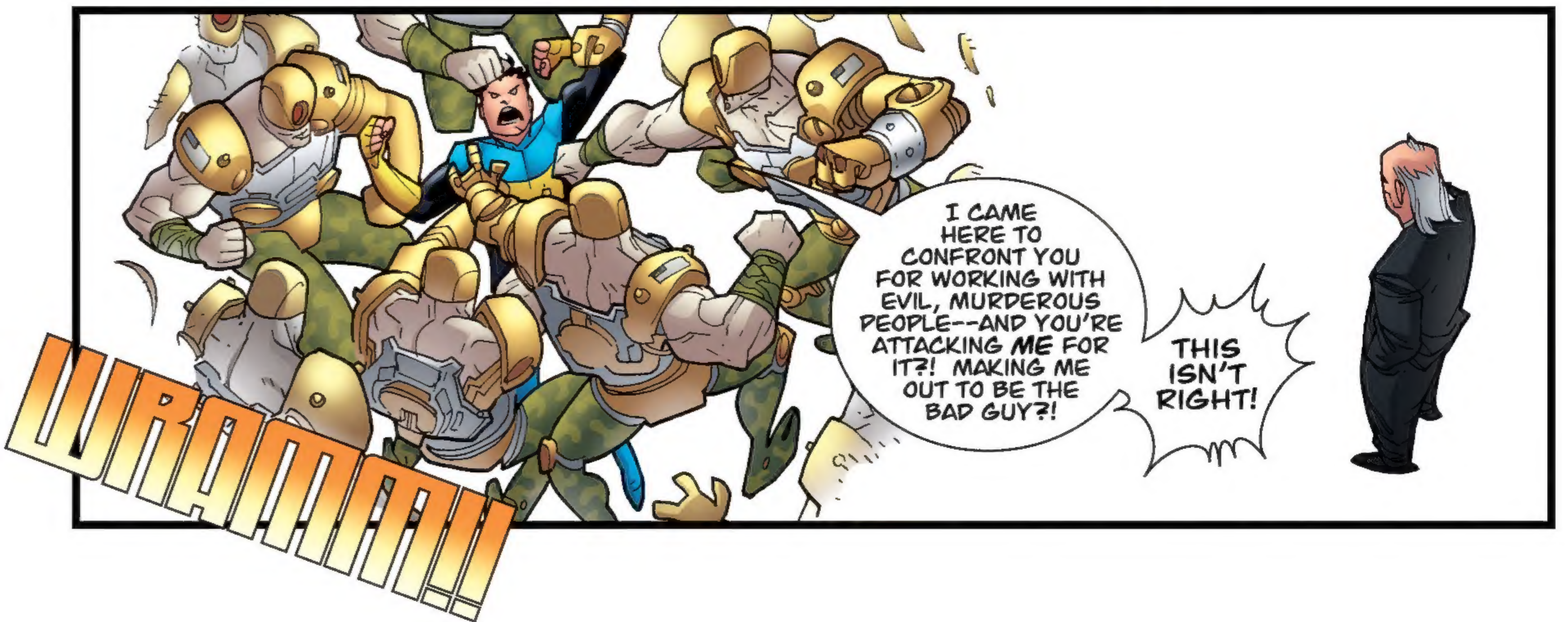
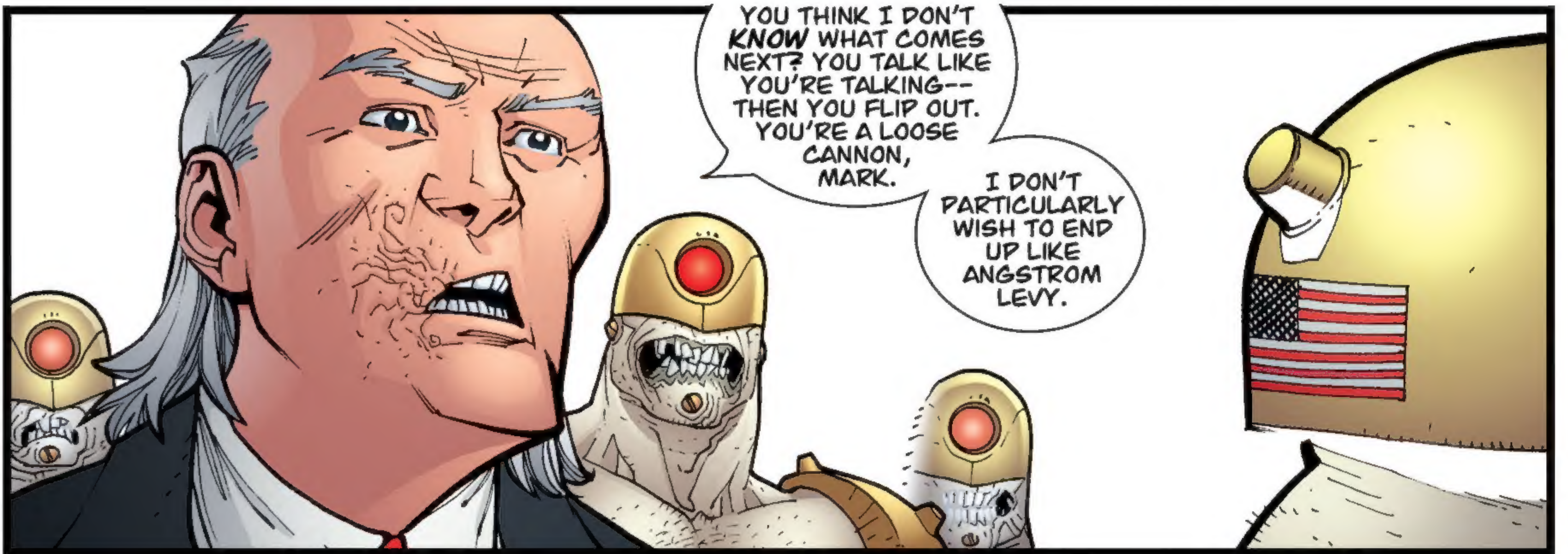
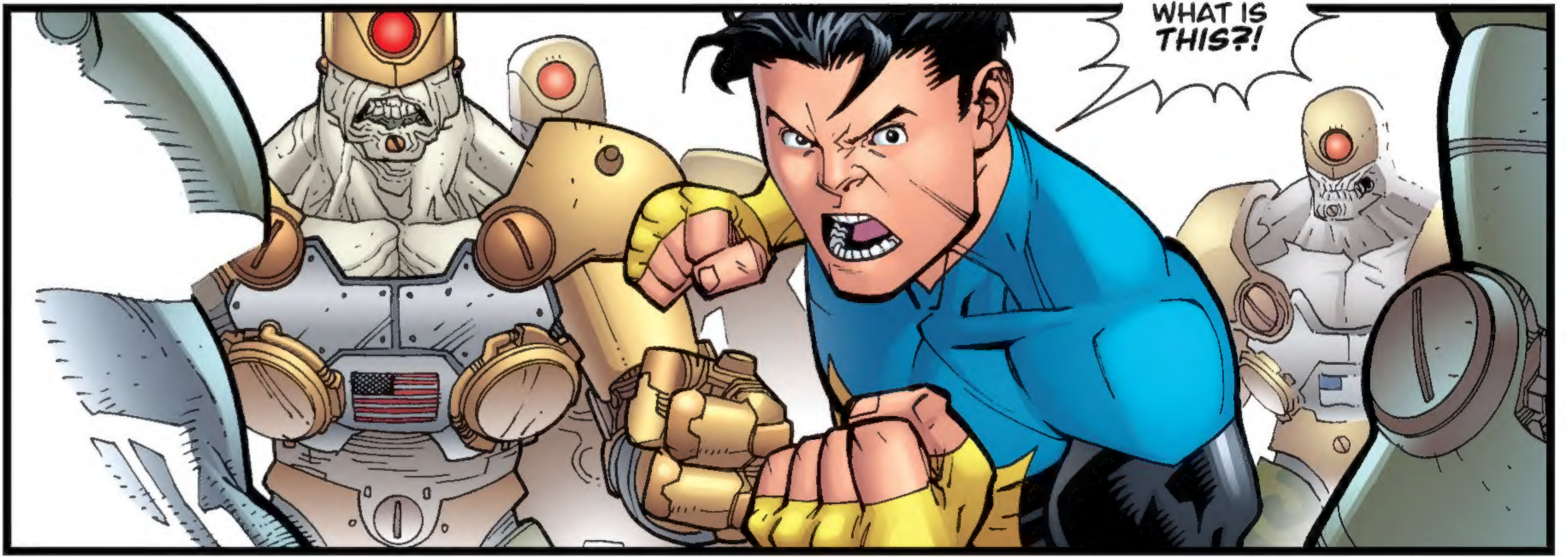
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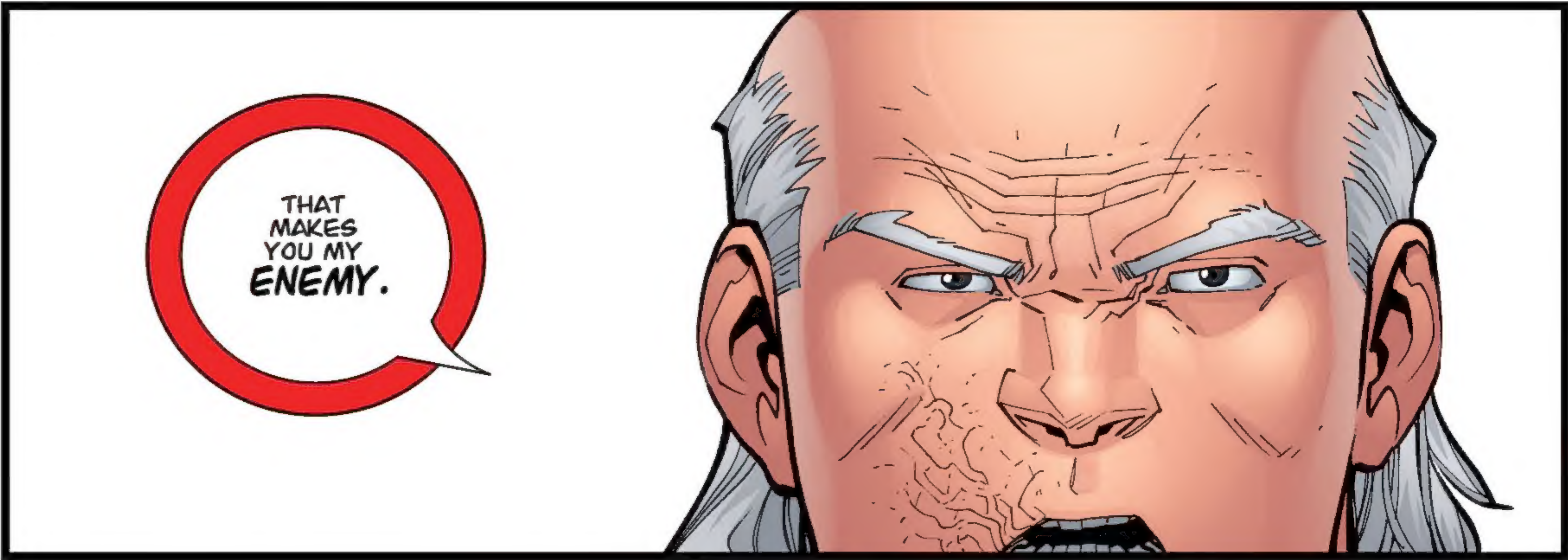
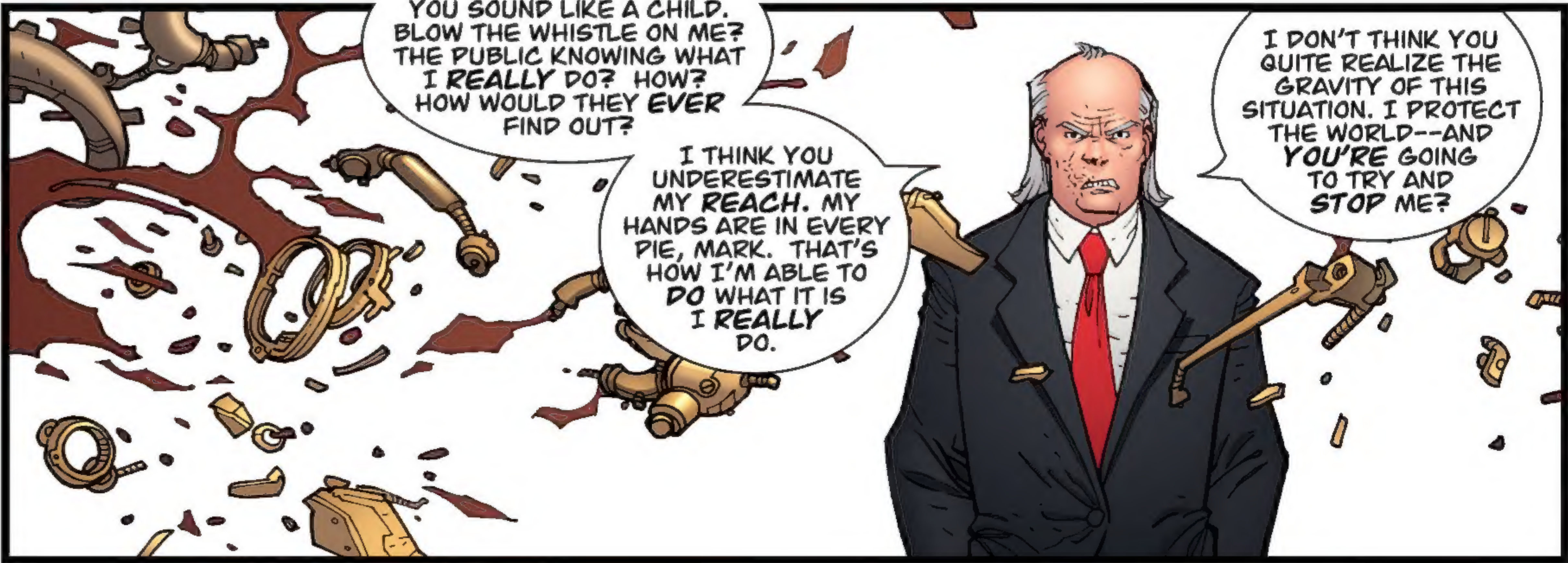
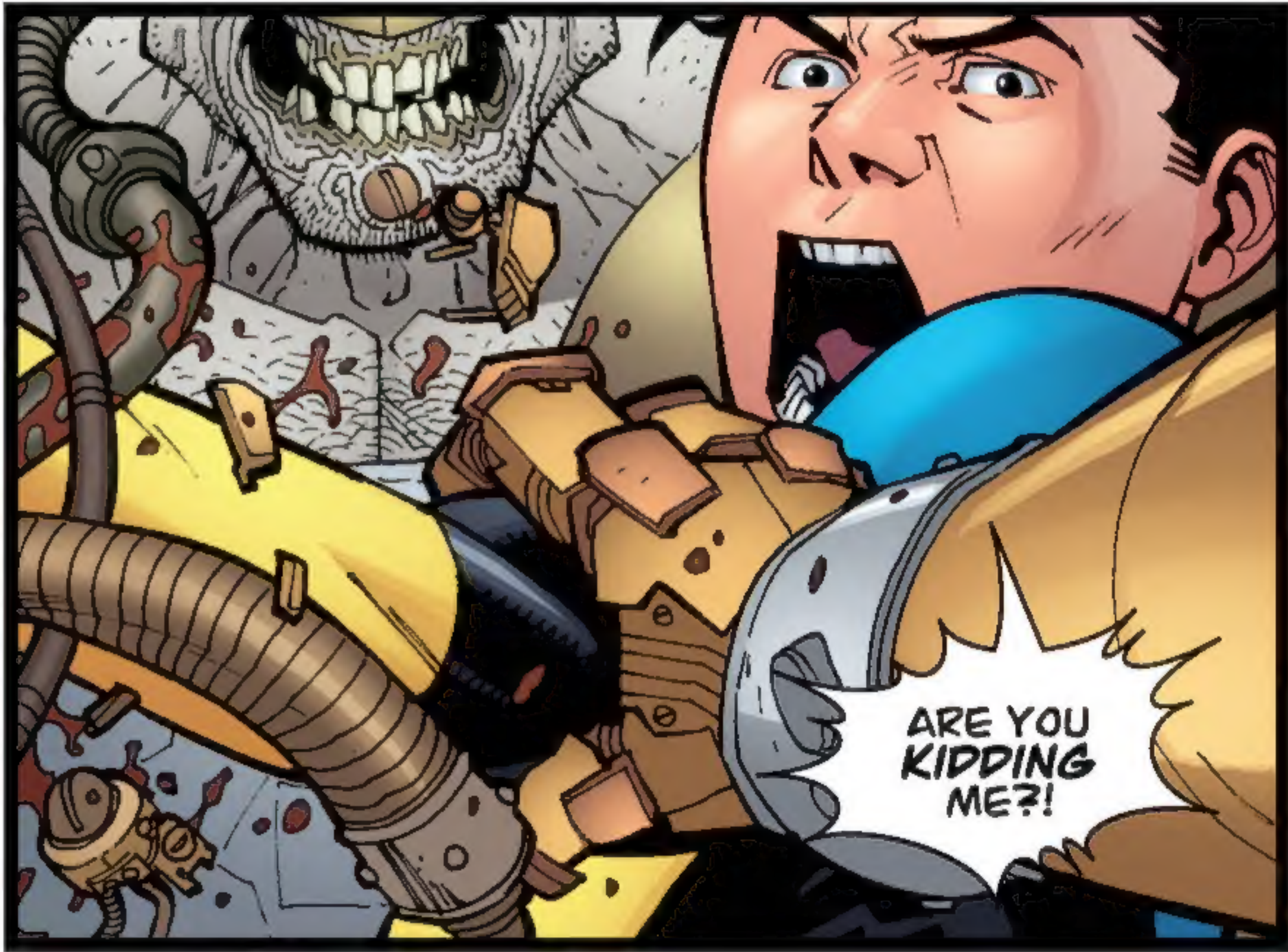
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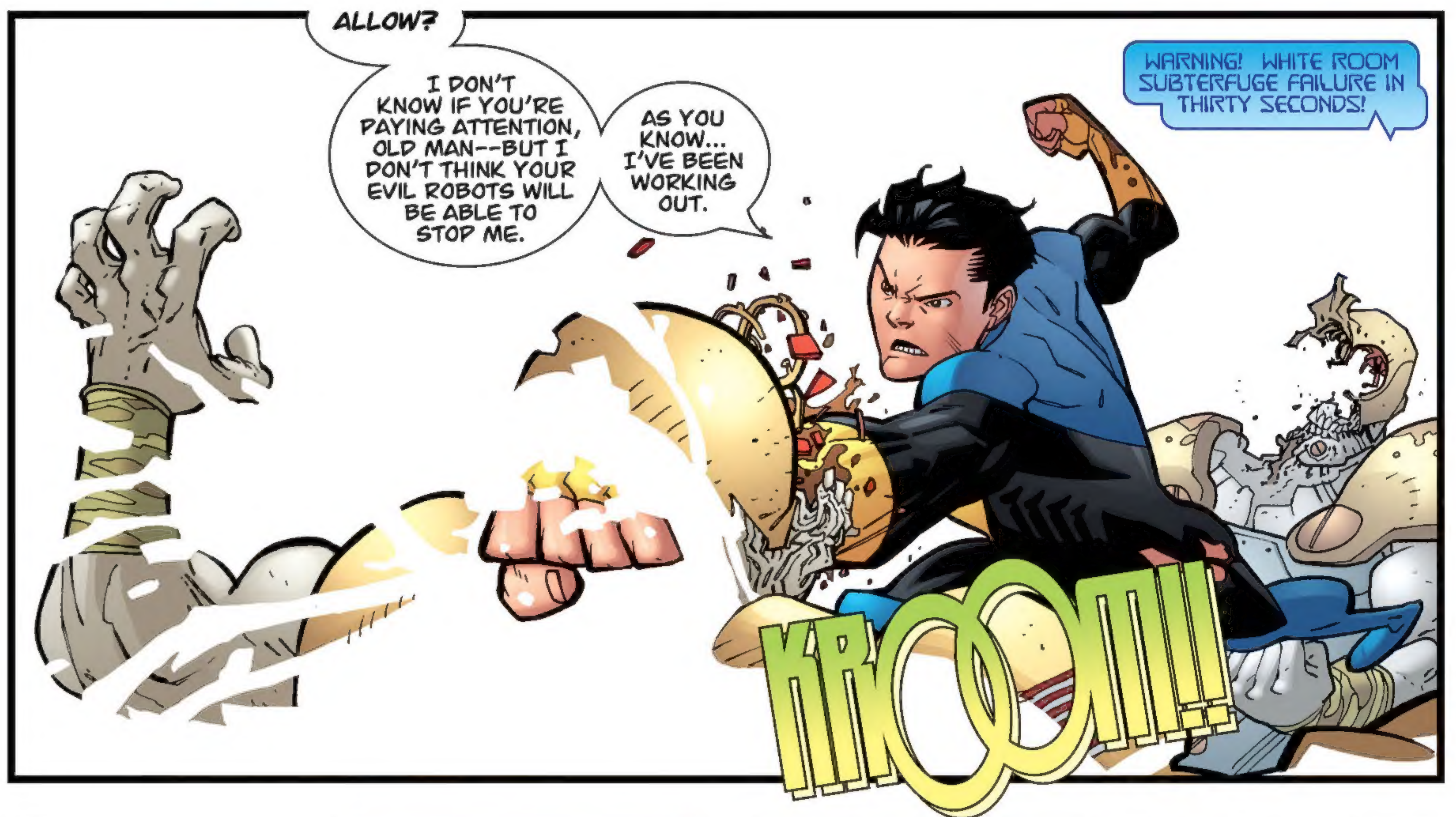
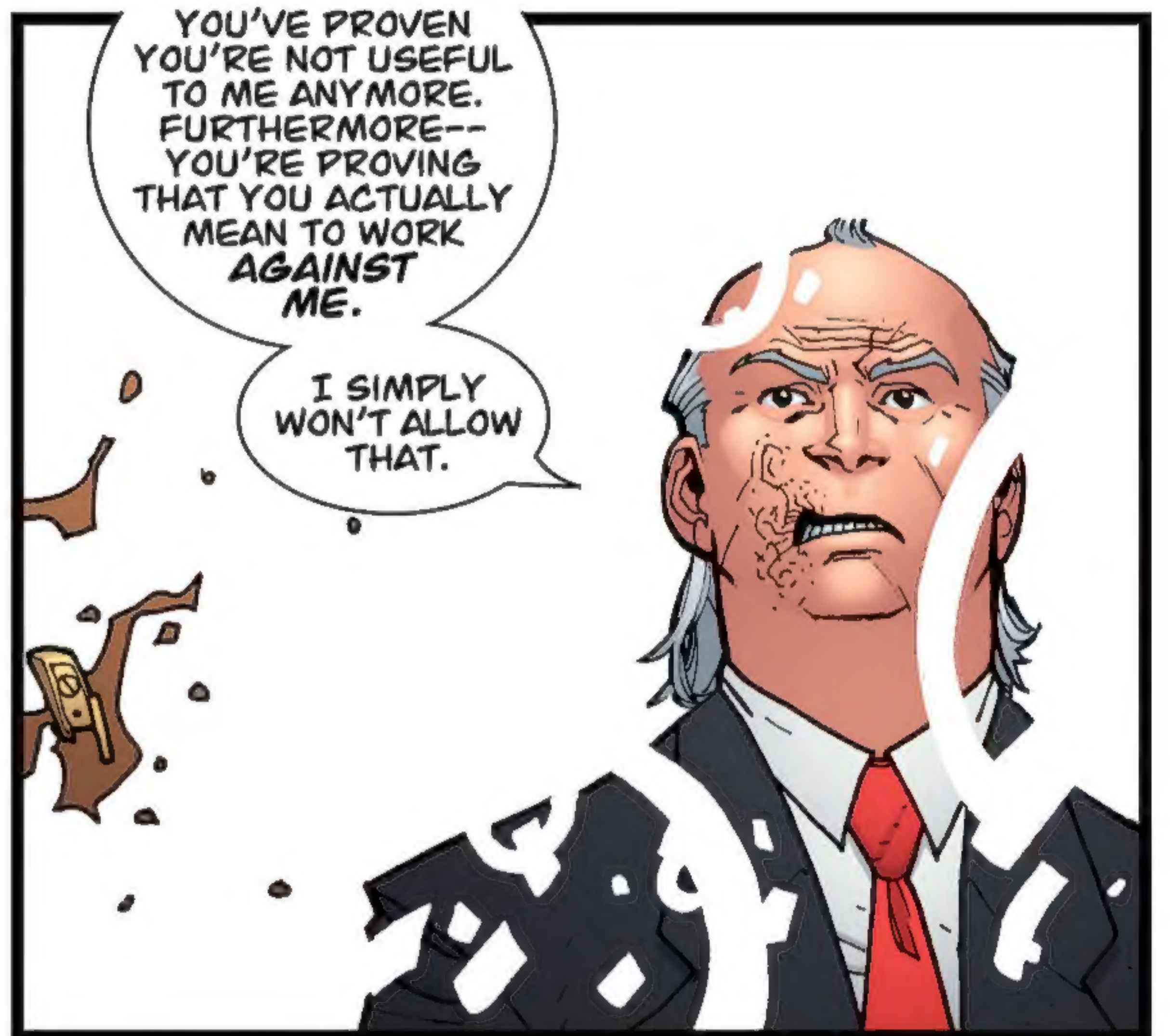
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UH...

YEAH, WE COULD BE HERE ALL DAY AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING.

SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP?



THEN WHAT? ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST ME?



FOR WHAT? I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN AVOID THAT...

...ASSUMING YOU STOP RIGHT NOW.



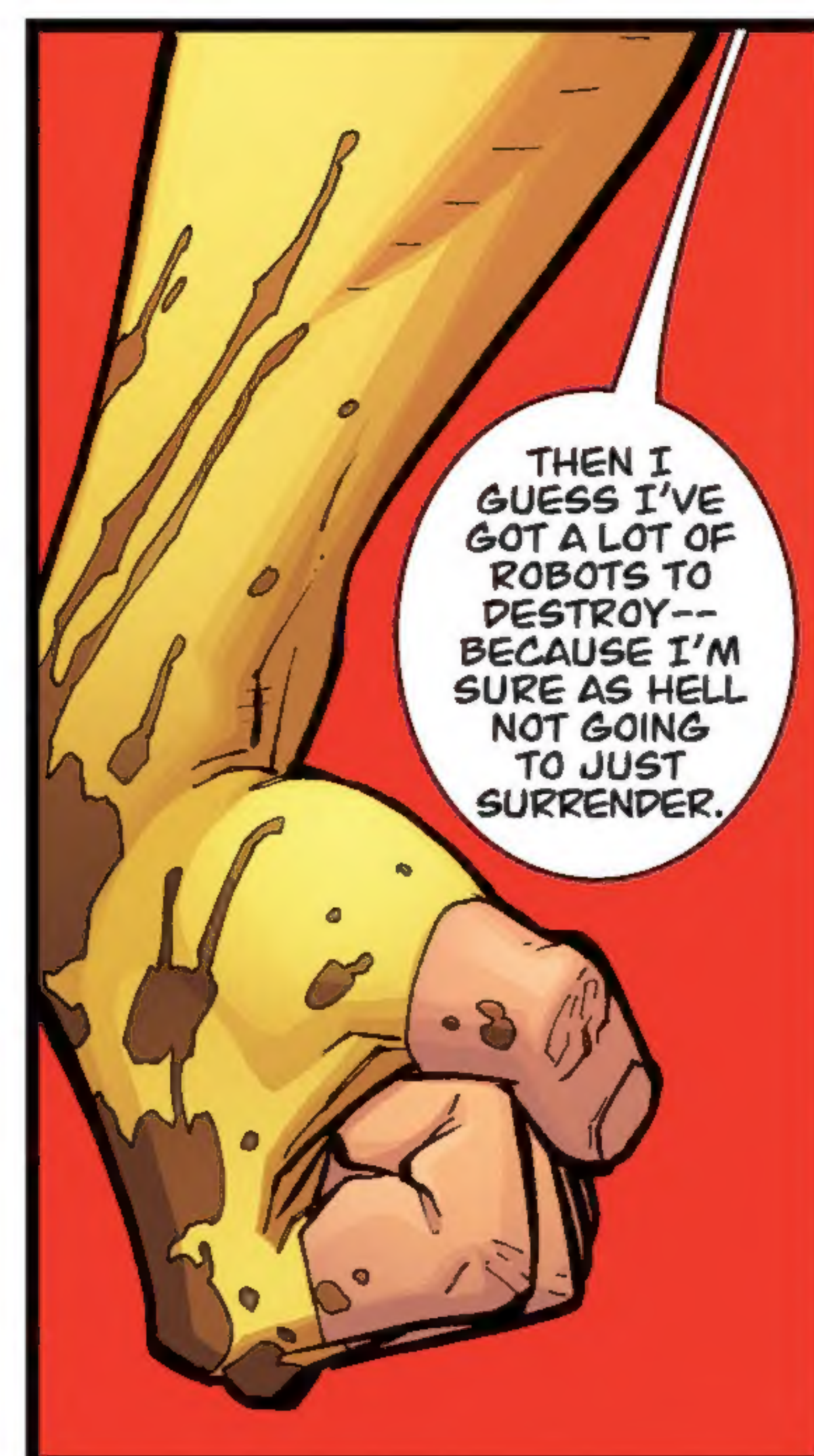
THEN WHAT? WE JUST FORGET THIS EVER HAPPENED? FORGET YOU'VE GOT DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN RUNNING FREE--MAKING ZOMBIE SOLDIERS--PRETEND YOU'RE NOT HIRING MURDERERS?!

HOW ABOUT THIS-- YOU ARREST D.A. SINCLAIR AND DARKWING--AND I'LL THINK ABOUT STANDING DOWN.



IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR ME--THEN I'LL NEED THEM MORE THAN EVER.

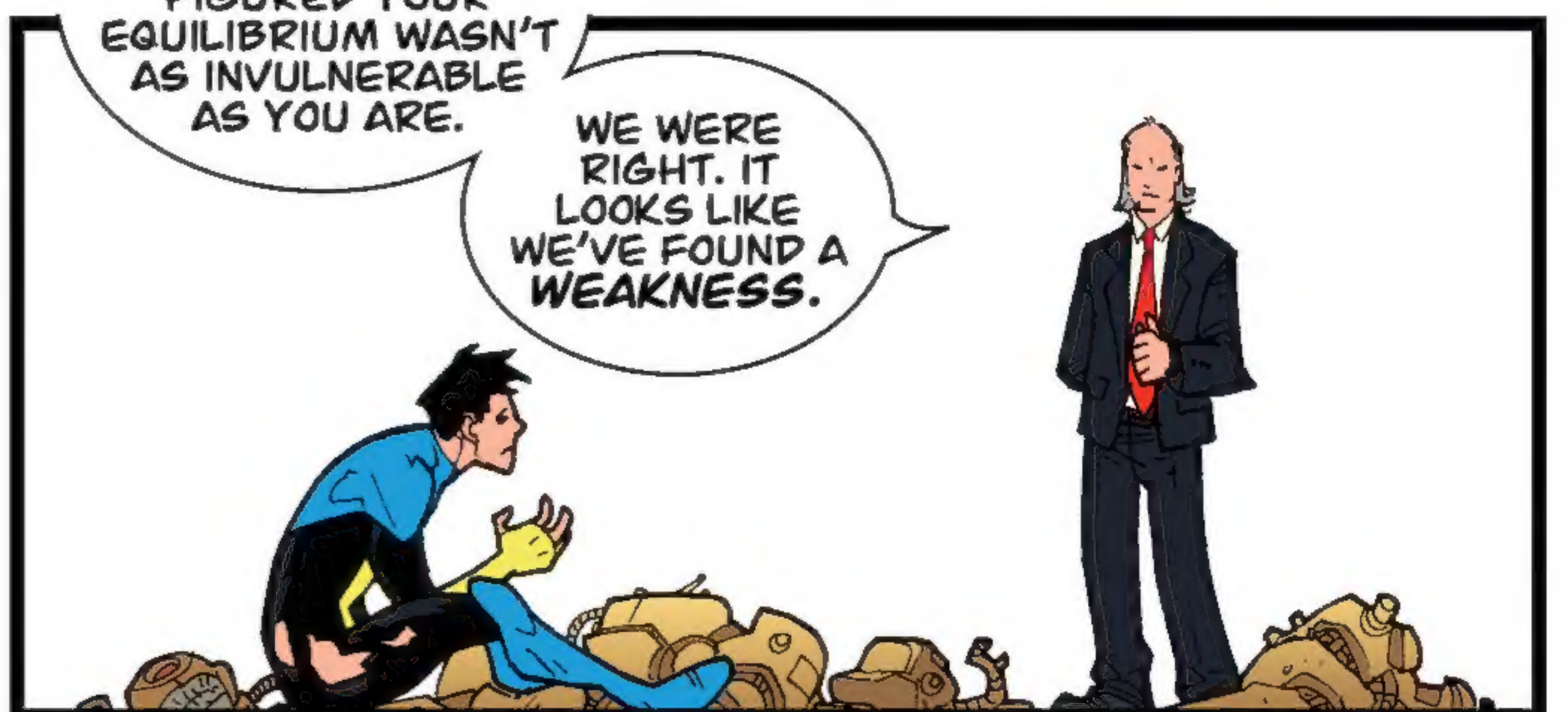
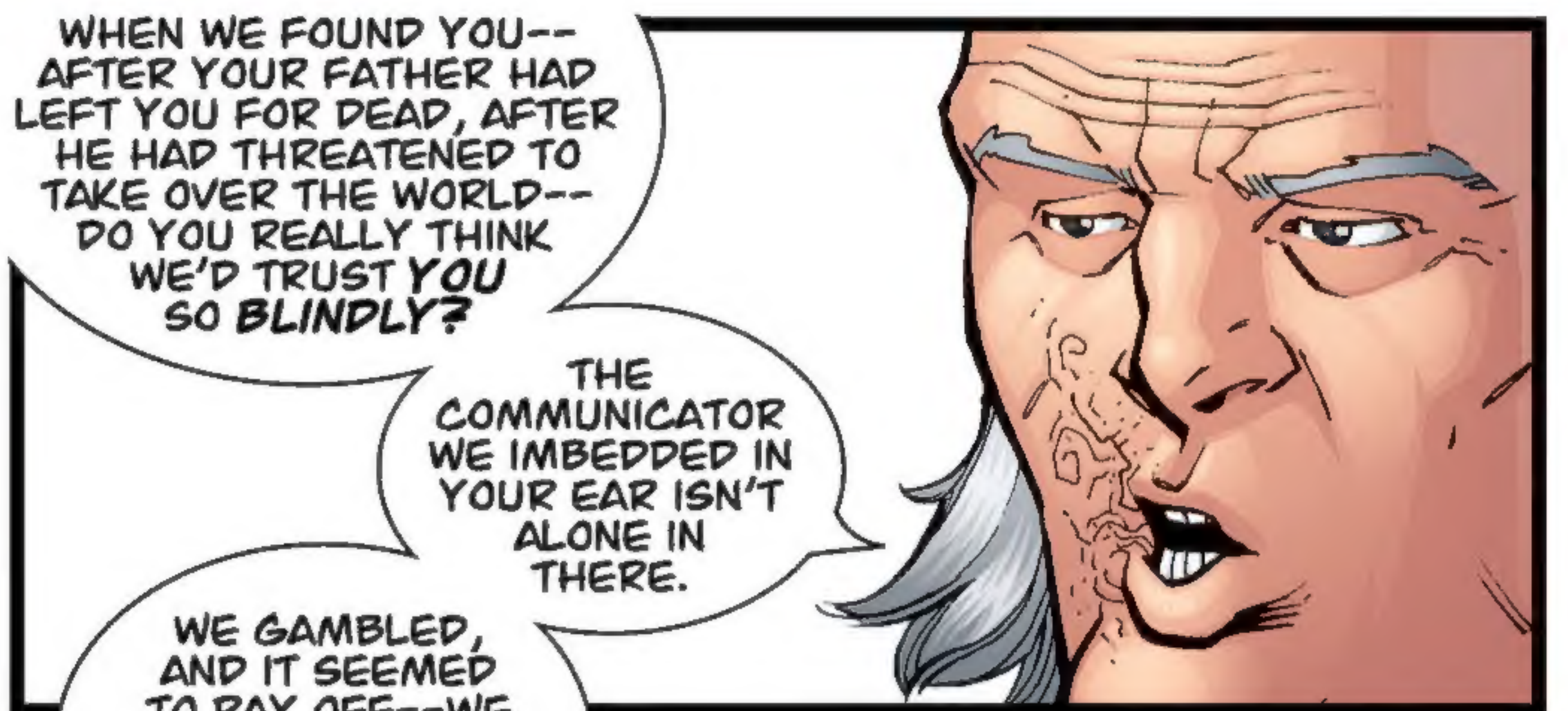
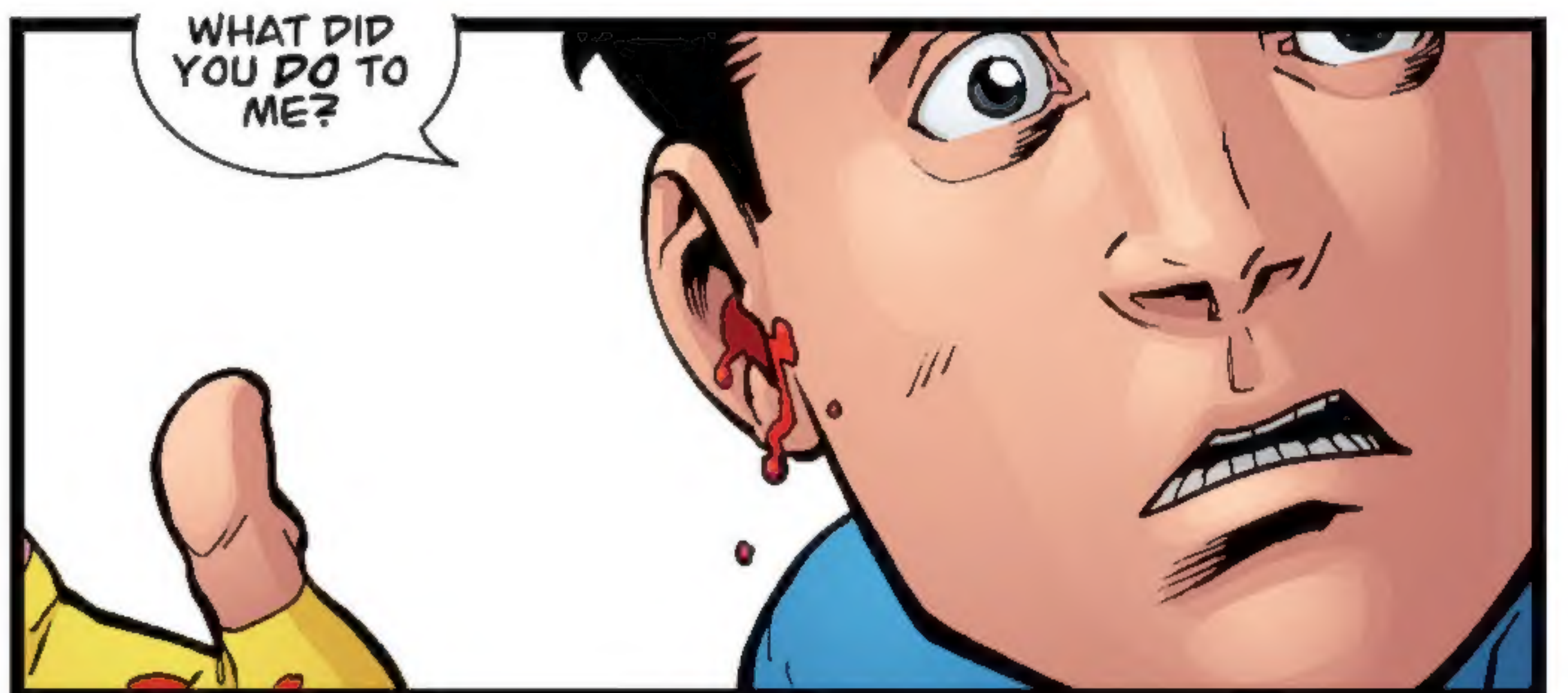
NO, I'M SORRY THAT ME WORKING WITH THEM INTERFERES WITH YOUR STRICT VIEWS ON RIGHT AND WRONG THAT ARE BORN OUT OF A NEED TO PROVE YOU'RE NOT YOUR FATHER--BUT I WON'T STOP WORKING WITH THEM ANY TIME SOON.

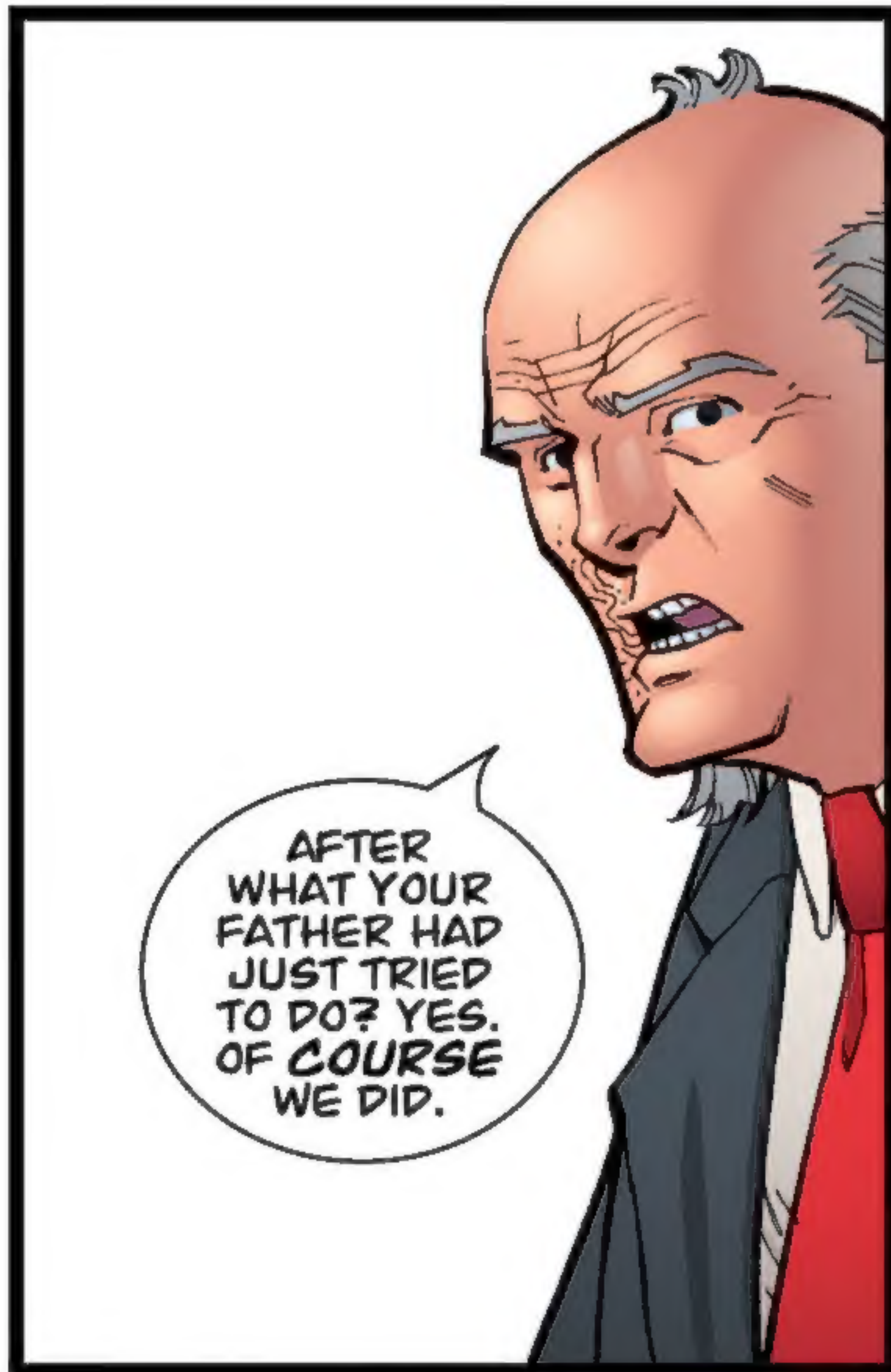


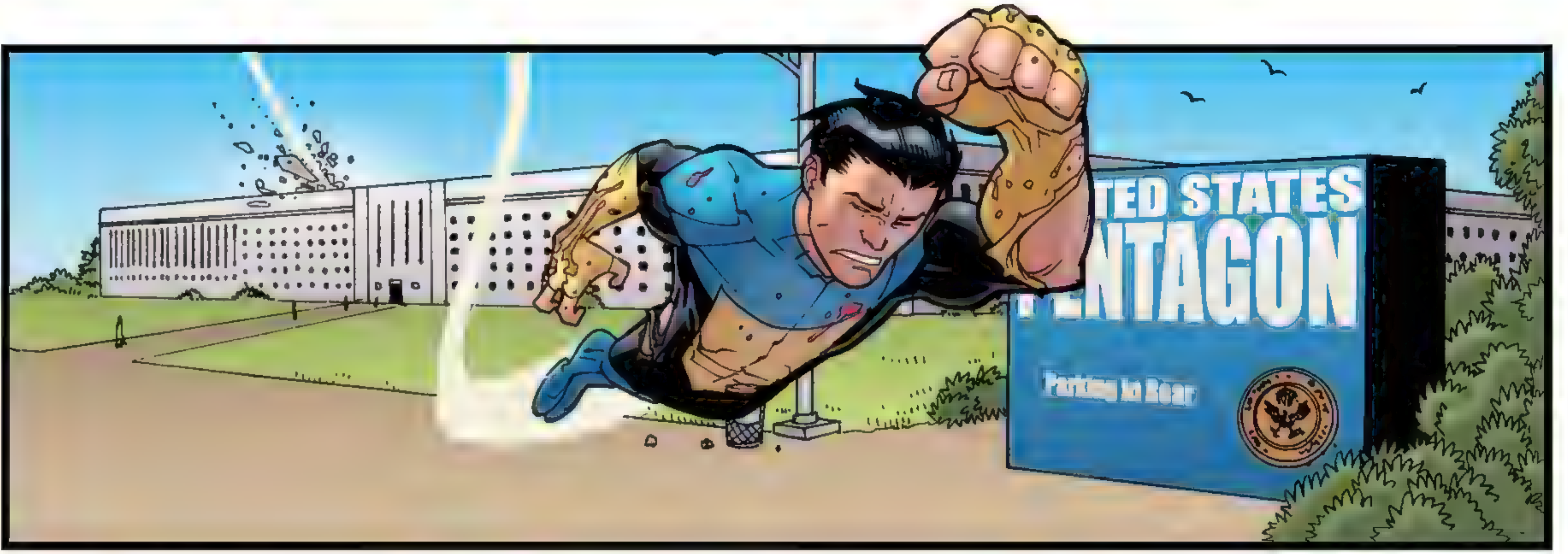
THEN I GUESS I'VE GOT A LOT OF ROBOTS TO DESTROY-- BECAUSE I'M SURE AS HELL NOT GOING TO JUST SURRENDER.

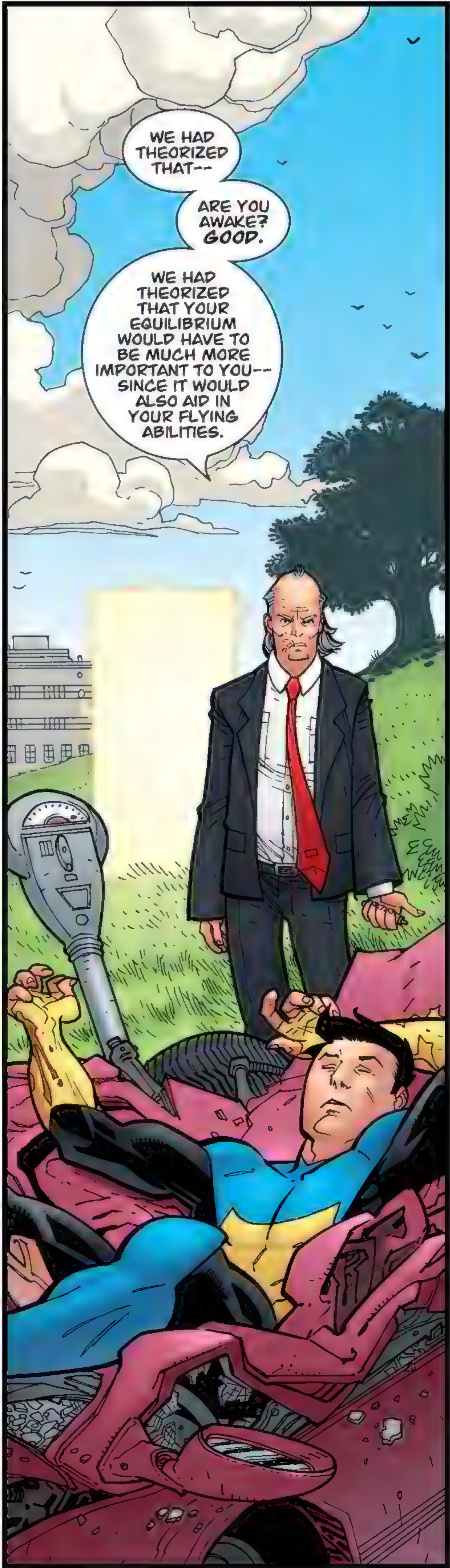


ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'VE COST THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS QUITE ENOUGH ALREADY. I'VE GOT A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF KEEPING YOU IN CHECK.





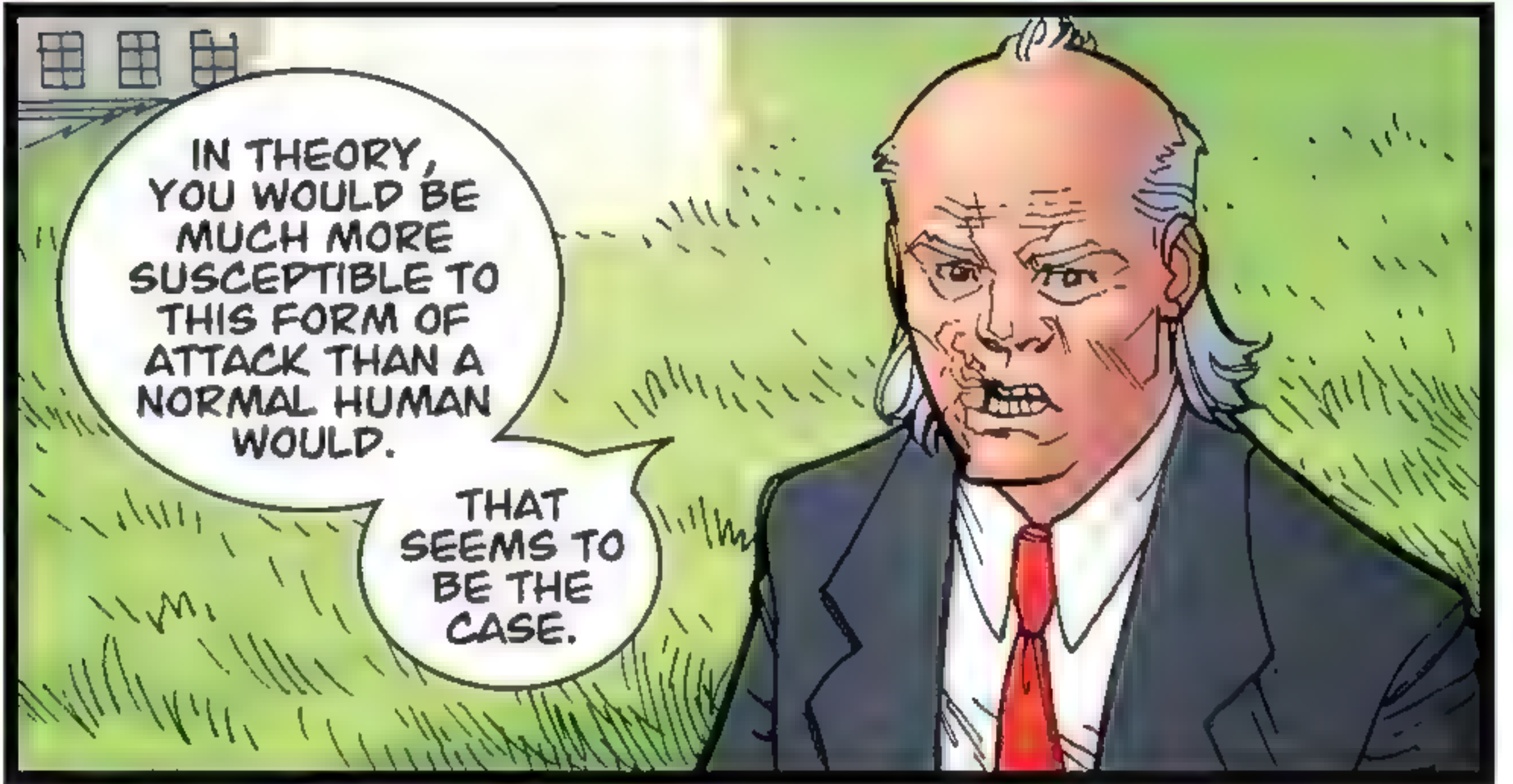




WE HAD
THEORIZED
THAT--

ARE YOU
AWAKE?
GOOD.

WE HAD
THEORIZED
THAT YOUR
EQUILIBRIUM
WOULD HAVE TO
BE MUCH MORE
IMPORTANT TO YOU--
SINCE IT WOULD
ALSO AID IN
YOUR FLYING
ABILITIES.



IN THEORY,
YOU WOULD BE
MUCH MORE
SUSCEPTIBLE TO
THIS FORM OF
ATTACK THAN A
NORMAL HUMAN
WOULD.

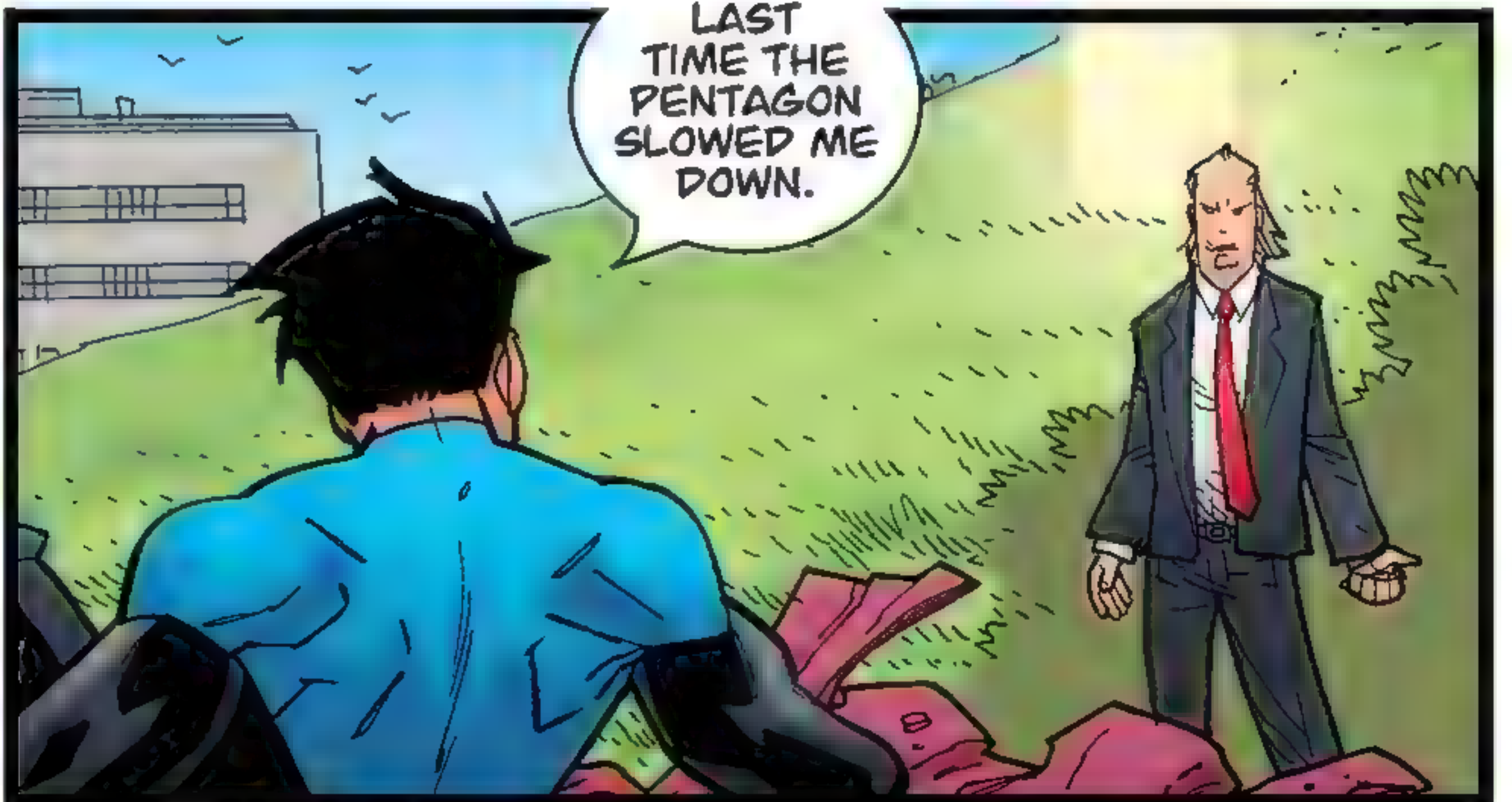
THAT
SEEMS TO
BE THE
CASE.



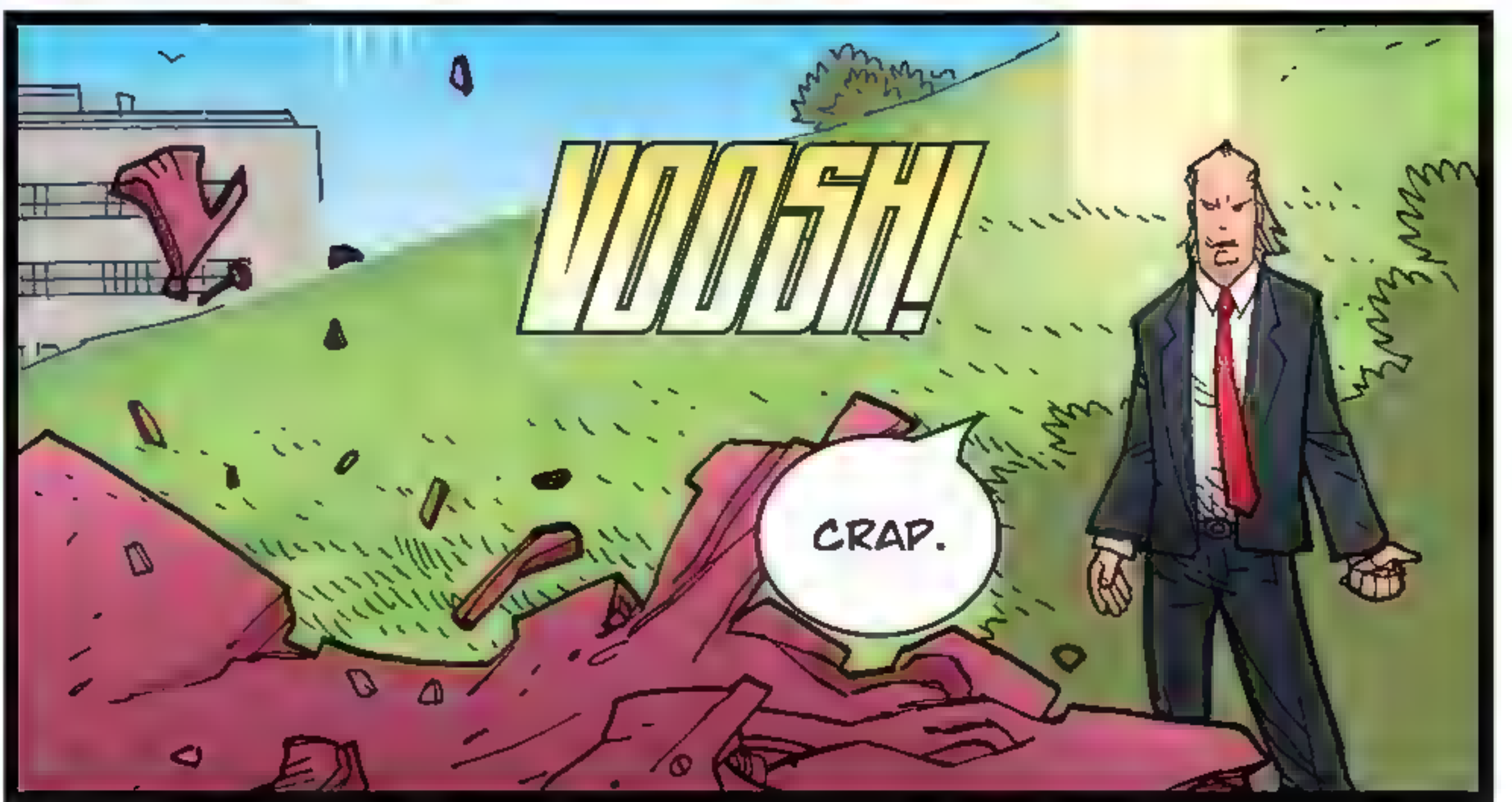
UNGH.



OH, AND
TO ANSWER
YOUR QUESTION,
THE RANGE
ISN'T ANYTHING
GREAT--
BUT IT'S
ENOUGH.

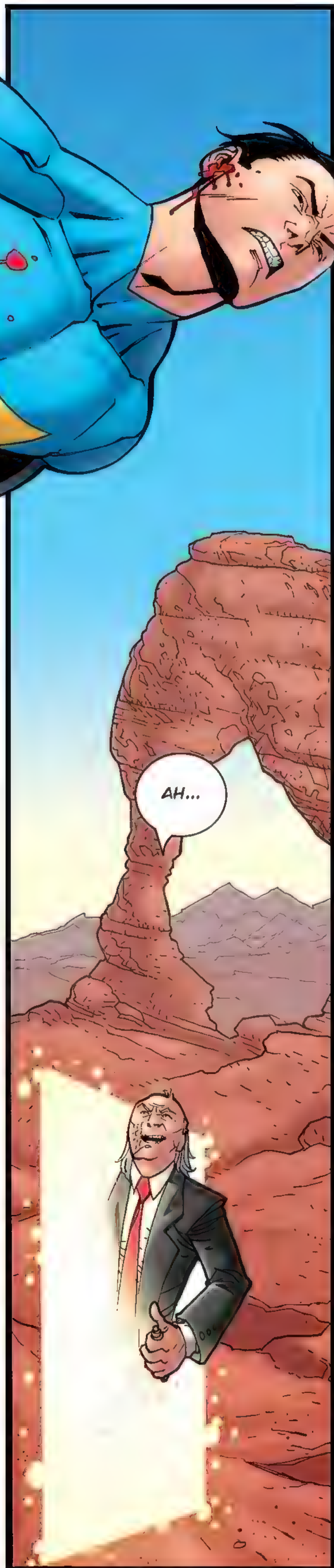
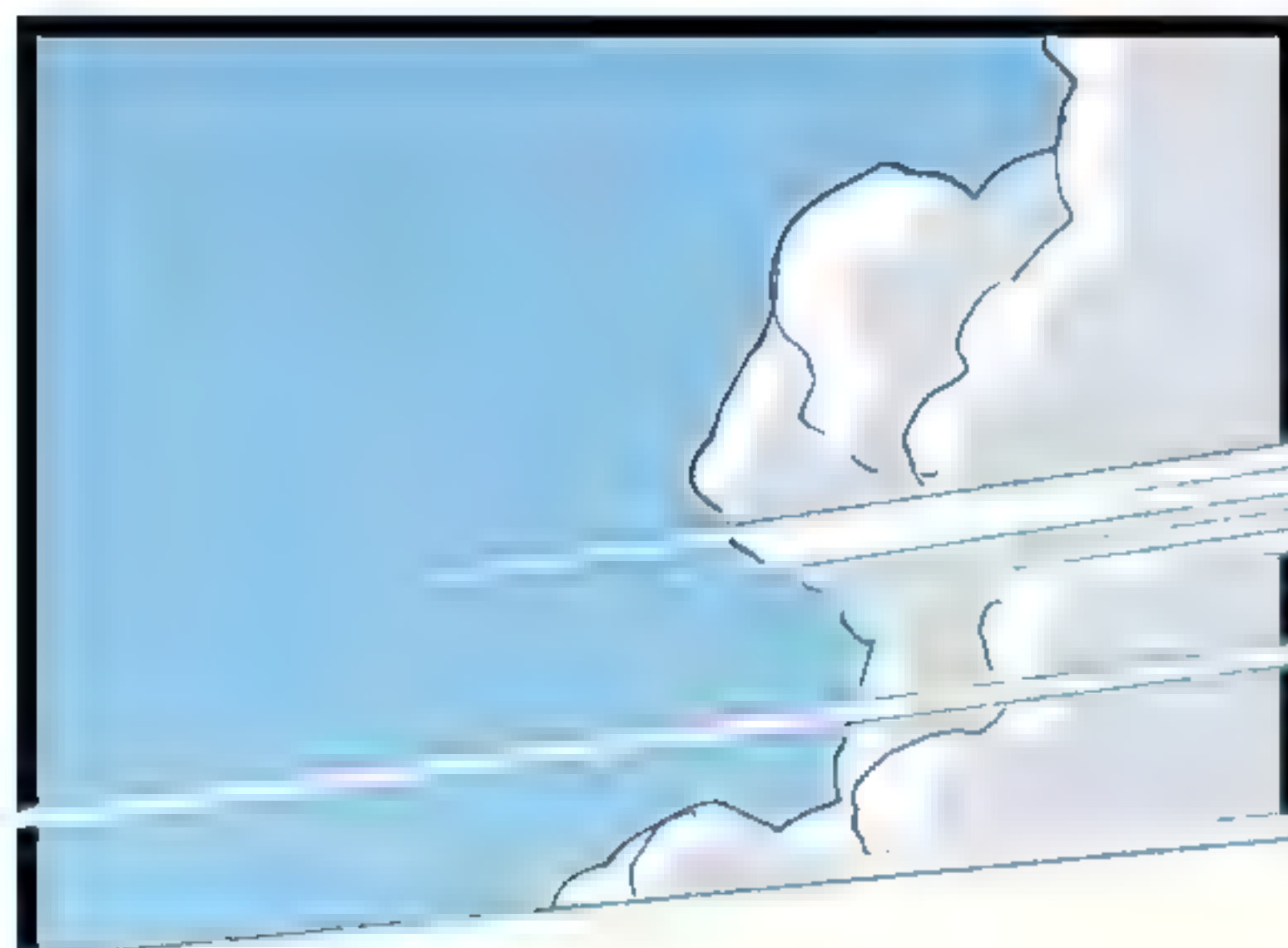
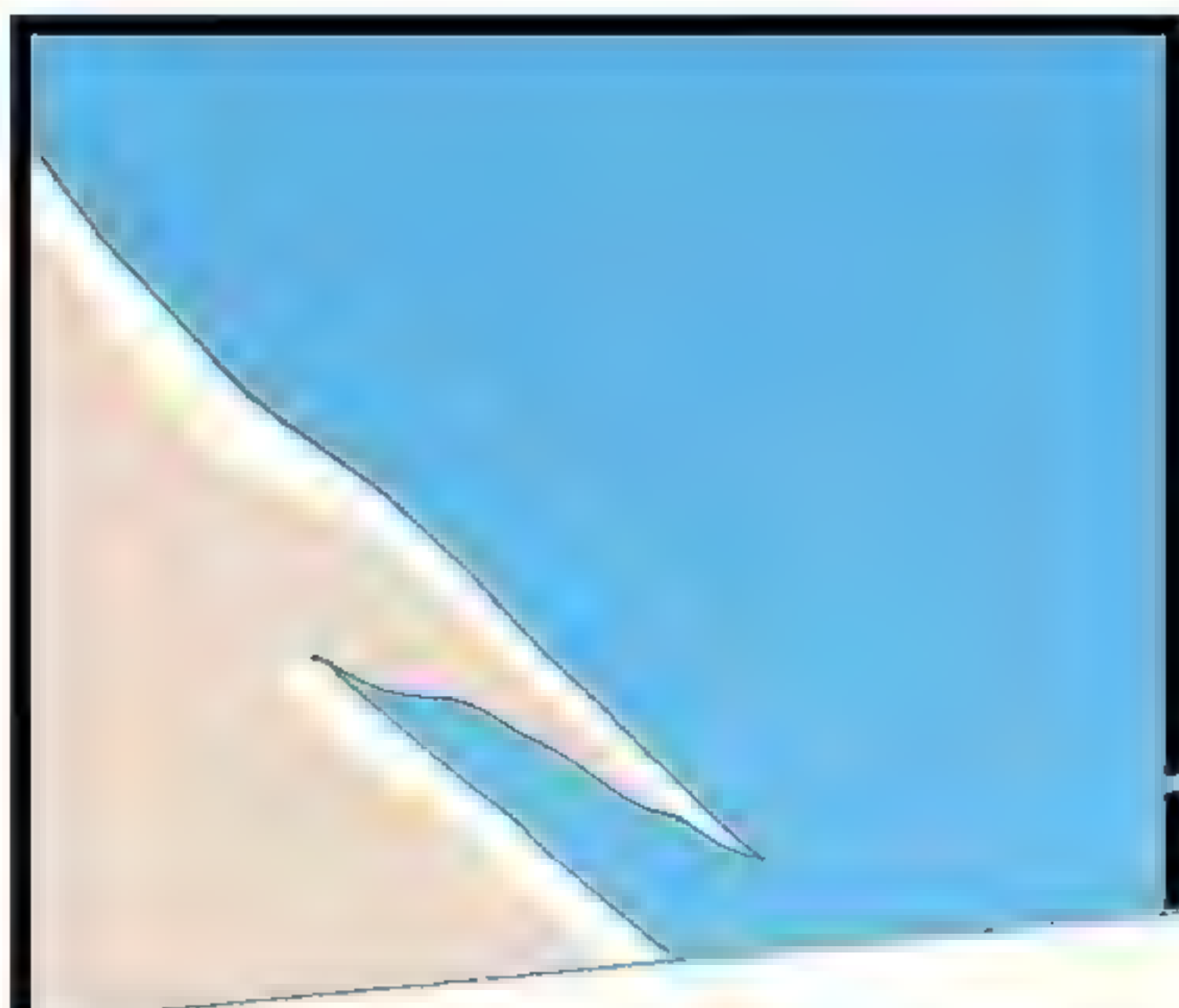


LAST
TIME THE
PENTAGON
SLOWED ME
DOWN.

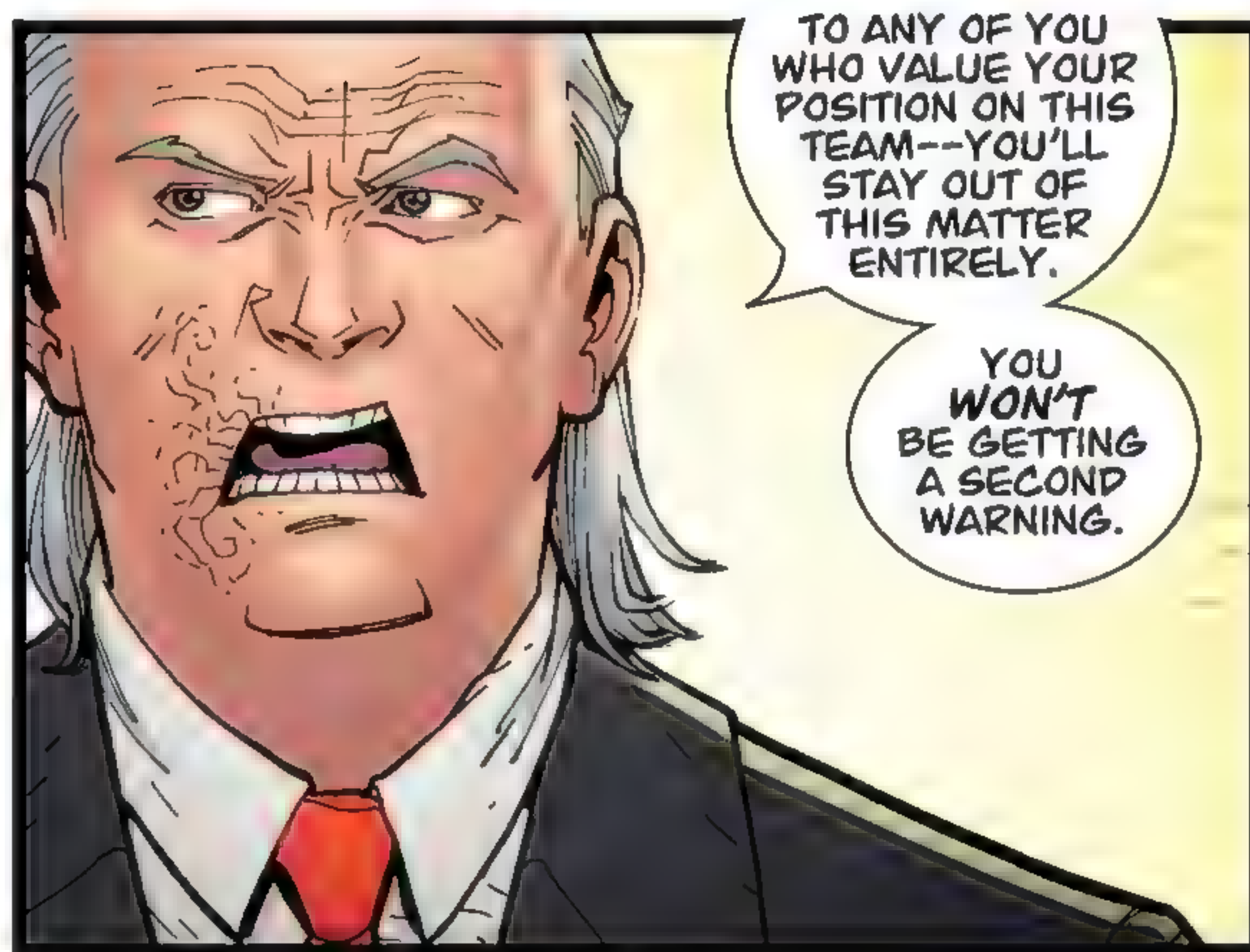
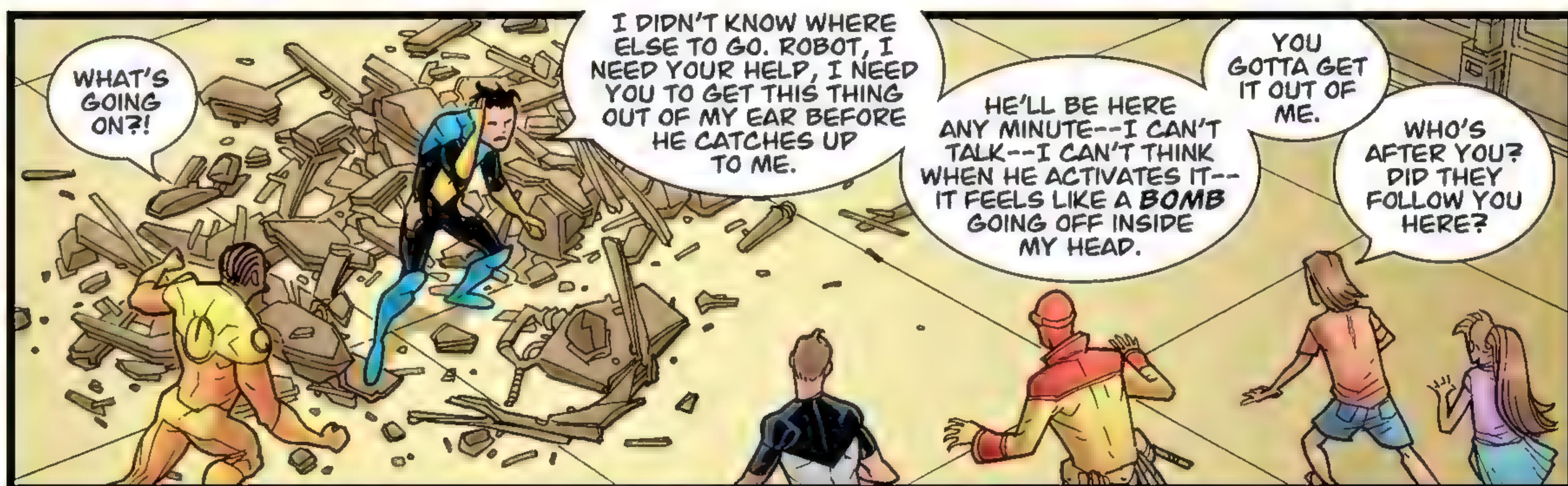
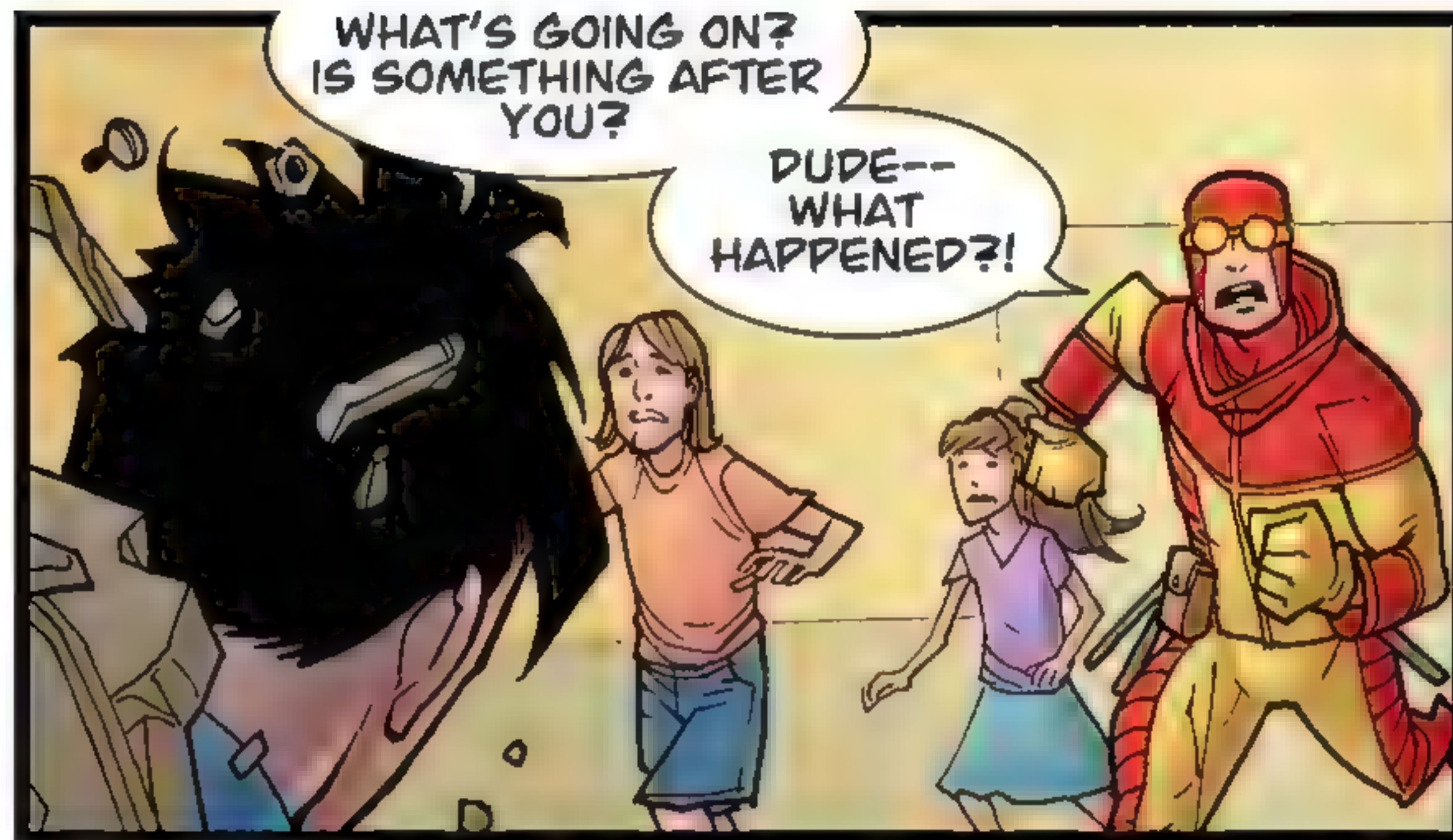


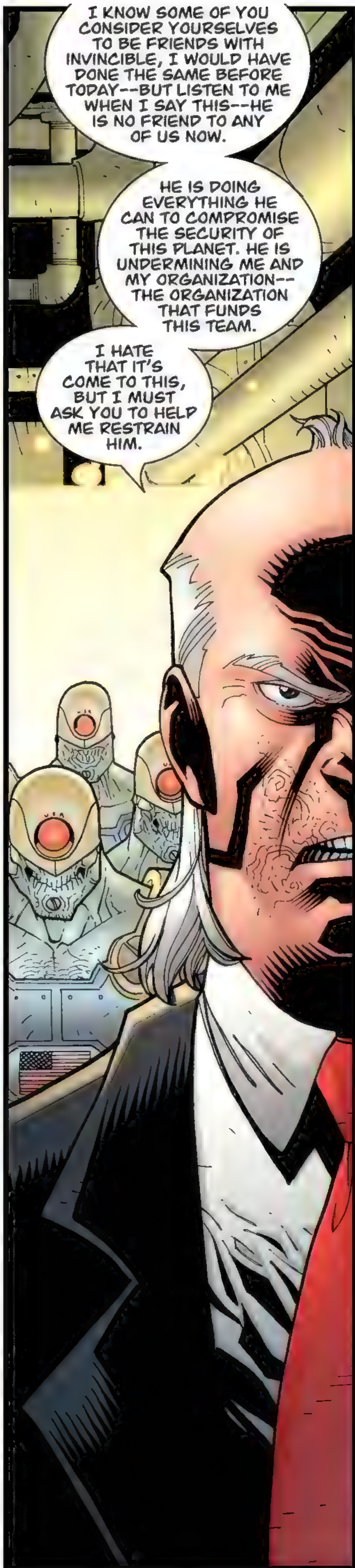
WOOSH!

CRAP.









I KNOW SOME OF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELVES TO BE FRIENDS WITH INVINCIBLE, I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME BEFORE TODAY--BUT LISTEN TO ME WHEN I SAY THIS--HE IS NO FRIEND TO ANY OF US NOW.

HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO COMPROMISE THE SECURITY OF THIS PLANET. HE IS UNDERMINING ME AND MY ORGANIZATION--THE ORGANIZATION THAT FUNDS THIS TEAM.

I HATE THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, BUT I MUST ASK YOU TO HELP ME RESTRAIN HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, INVINCIBLE? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A MANIAC SINCE WE DEFEATED DOC SEISMIC EARLIER.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM--HE'S NOT TELLING YOU THE WHOLE STORY!

HE'S EMPLOYING MURDERERS! THE MAN WHO HELPED US STOP DOC SEISMIC, DARKWING, HE'S A MURDERER--I KNOW YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME BUT IT'S TRUE.

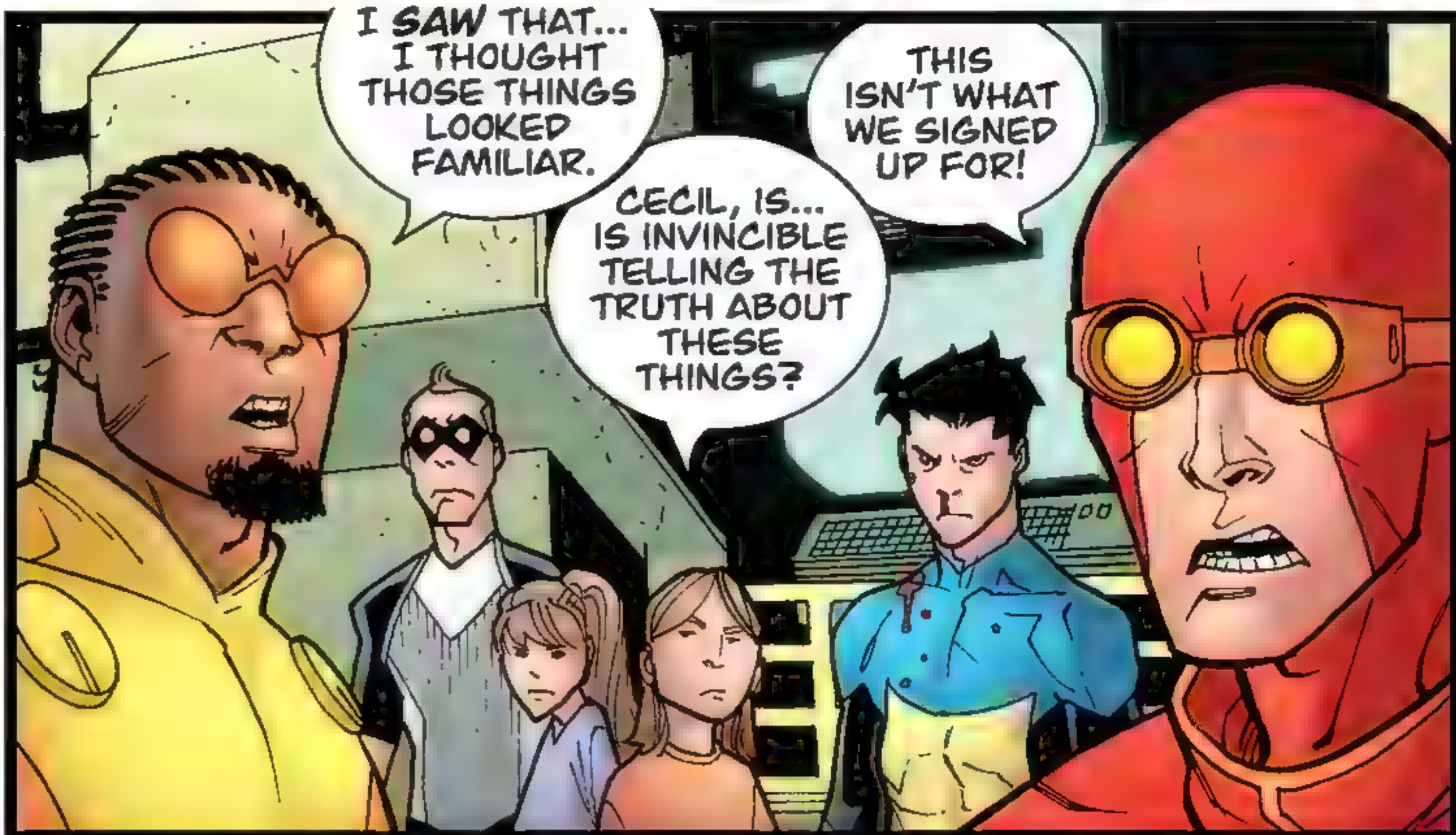
I WAS SENT INTO MIDNIGHT CITY BY CECIL--SENT IN TO STOP A MURDERER. I FOUND OUT IT WAS DARKWING, HE'D SNAPPED, HE WAS KILLING ANYONE WHO BROKE THE LAW.

I ARRESTED HIM--I THOUGHT HE WAS IN JAIL. CECIL SUPPRESSED THE TRUTH--PUT HIM ON THE PAYROLL!

I KNOW DARKWING. HE WAS ALWAYS ARROGANT, EVEN HATEFUL... BUT I DON'T SEE HIM BEING A MURDERER.

THESE ROBOTS--THESE REANIMEN HE'S GOT WITH HIM. THEY WERE INVENTED BY A MAN WHO BUILT THEM AROUND HOMELESS PEOPLE AND COLLEGE STUDENTS--MY FRIENDS. THEY ATTACKED MY COLLEGE CAMPUS TWICE--YOU HAD TO SEE THAT ON THE NEWS!

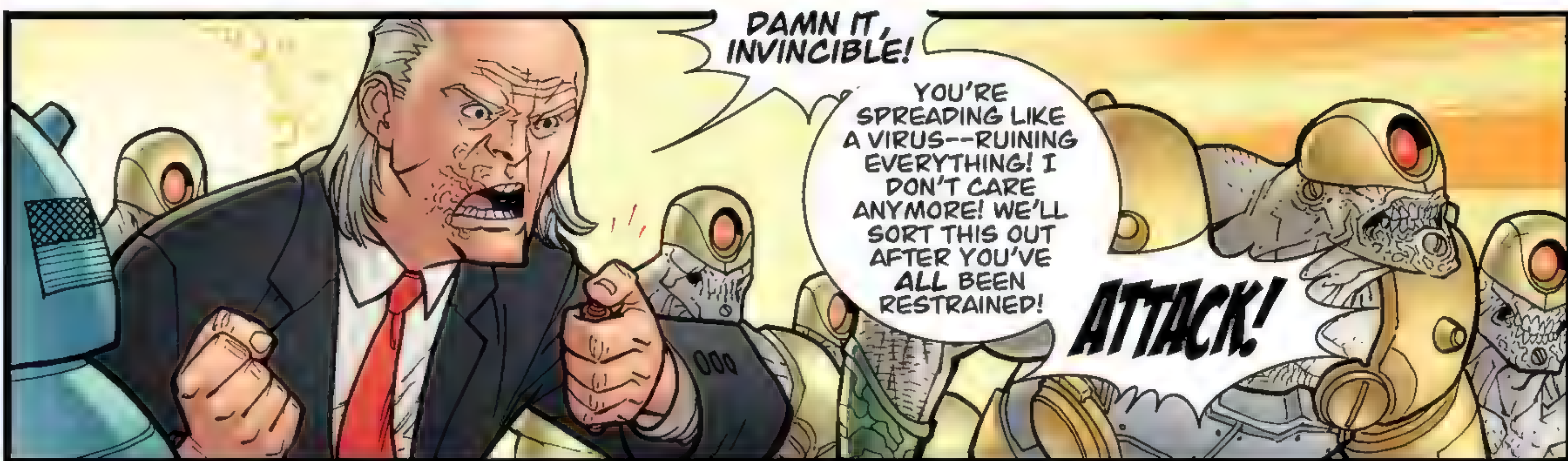
HE KILLED MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE PERFECTING THOSE MONSTROSITIES.

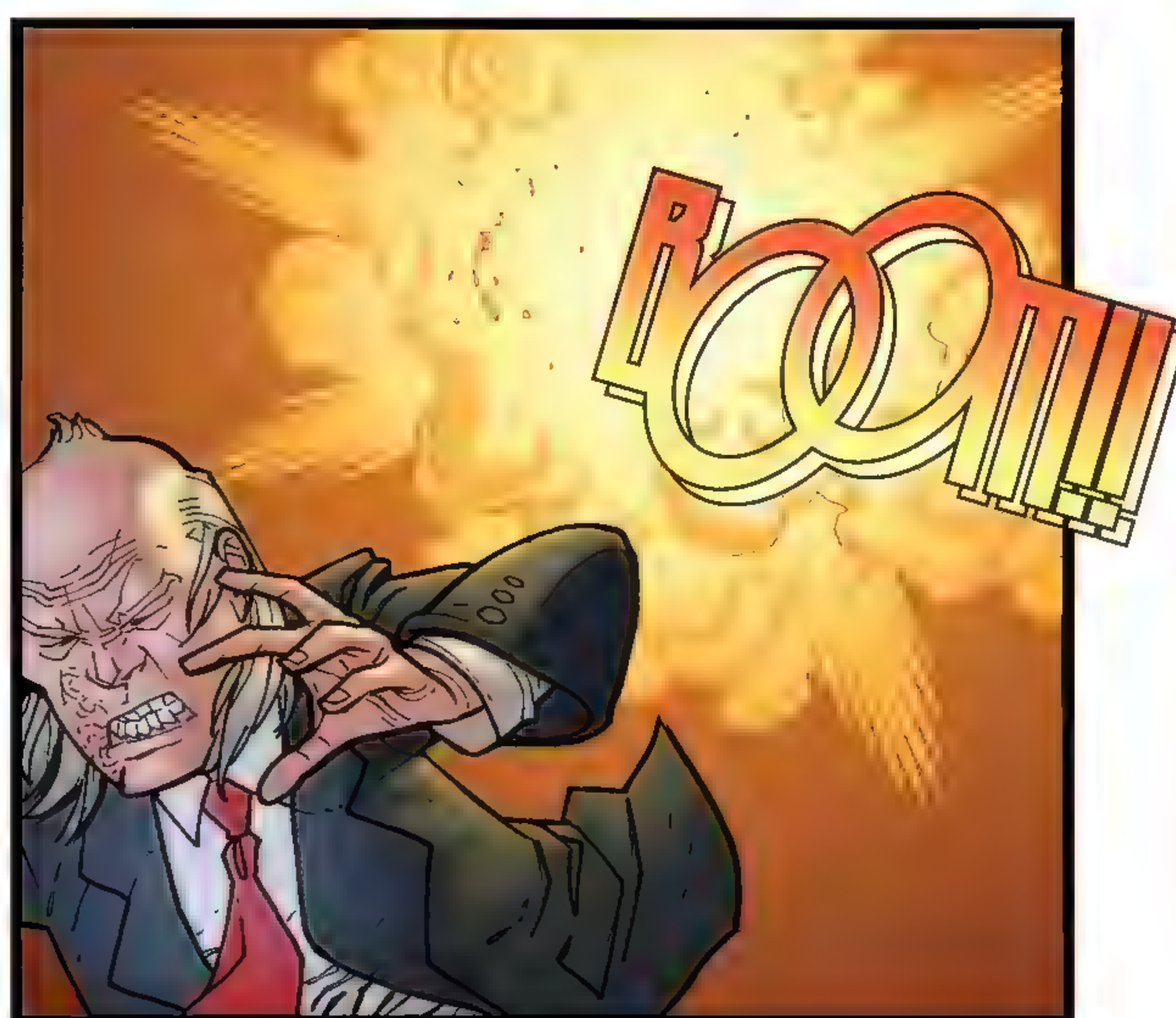
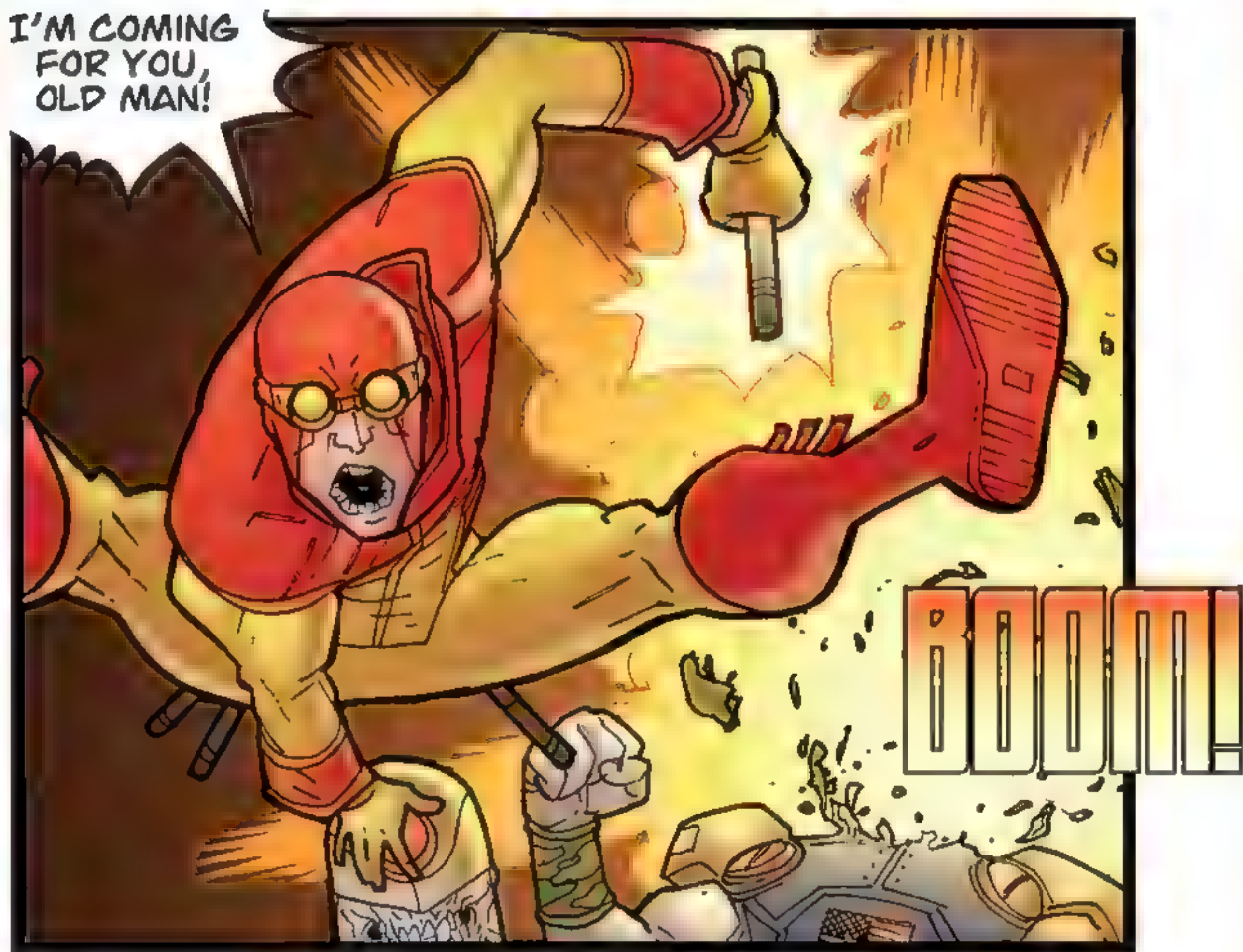
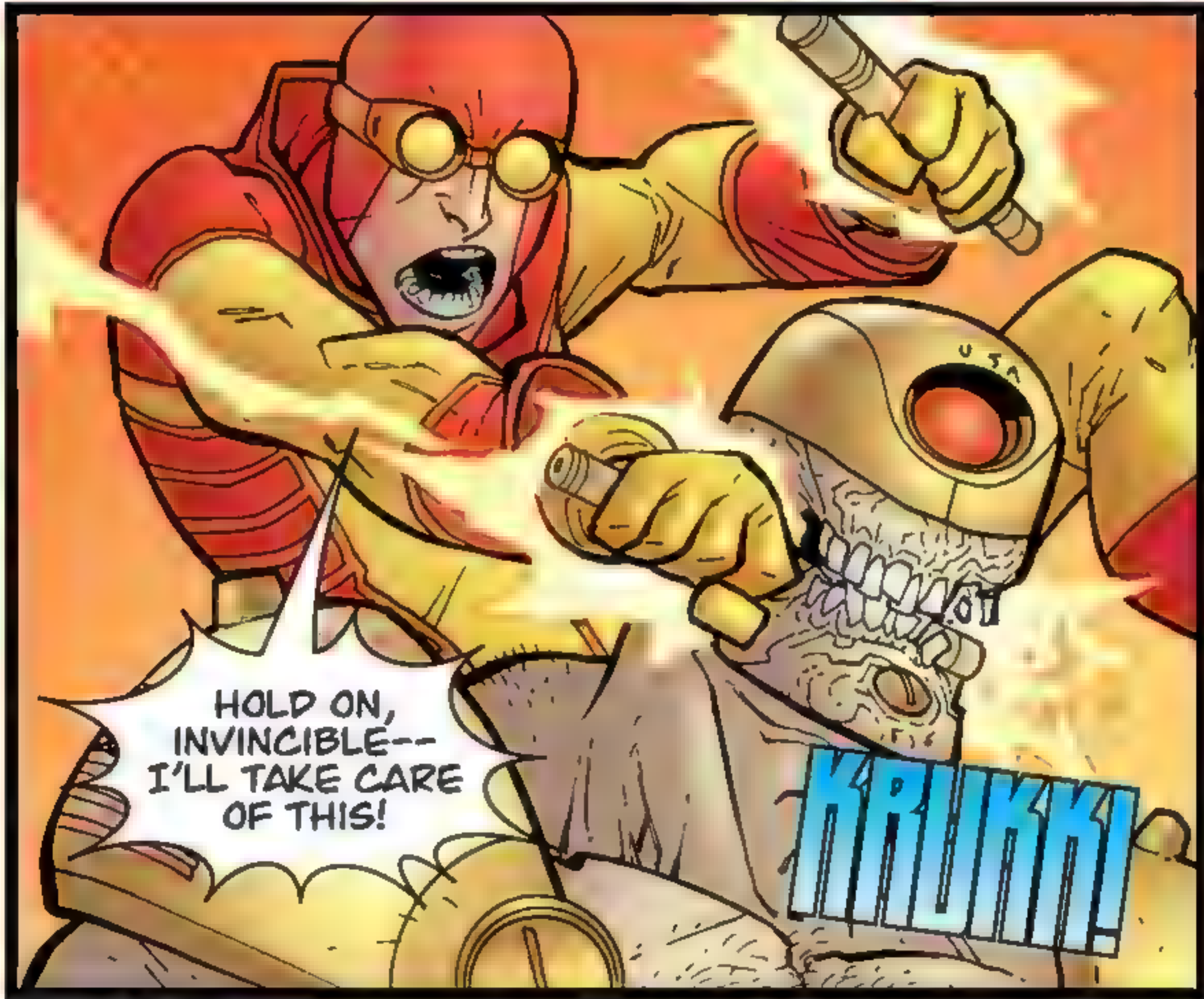


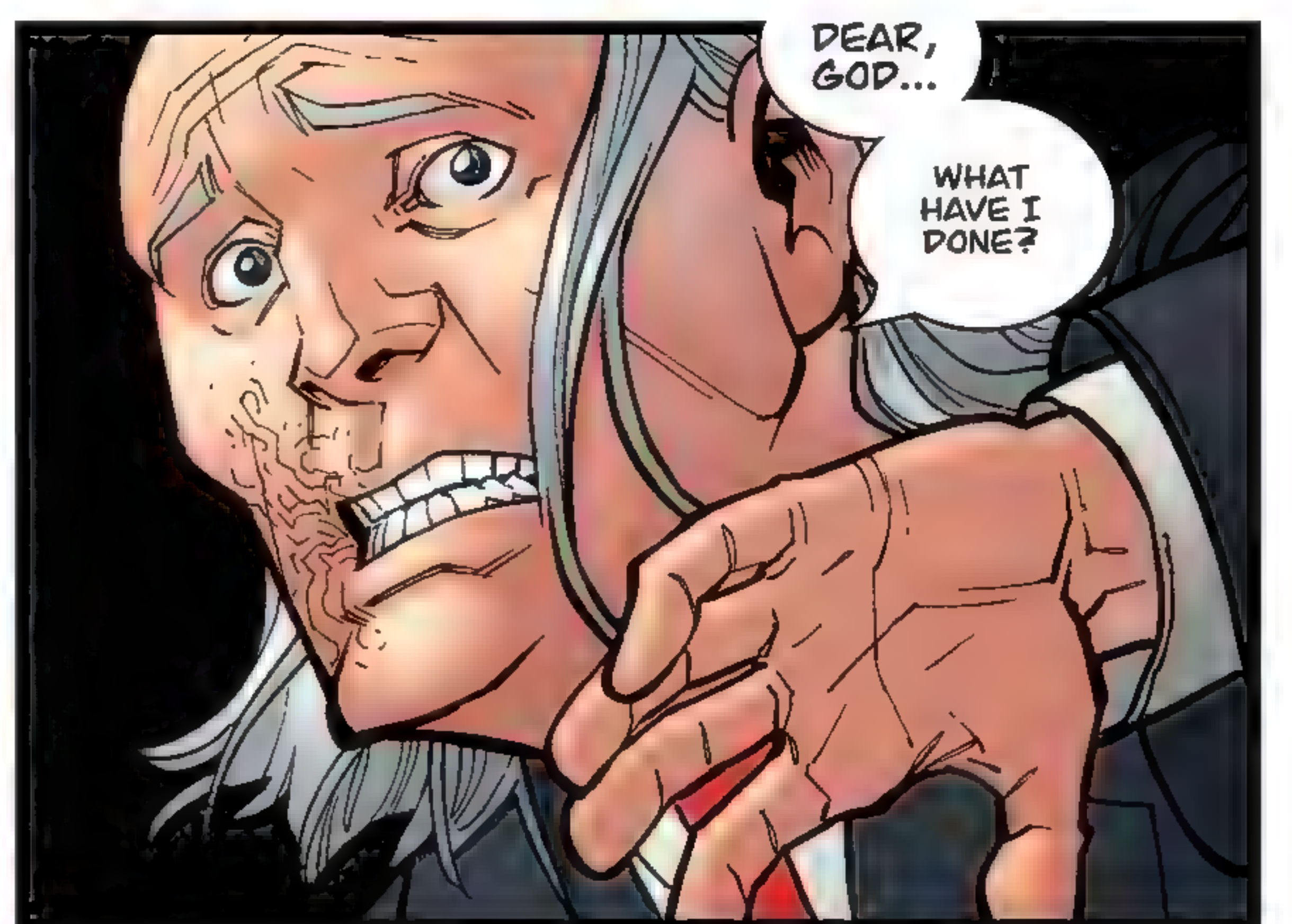
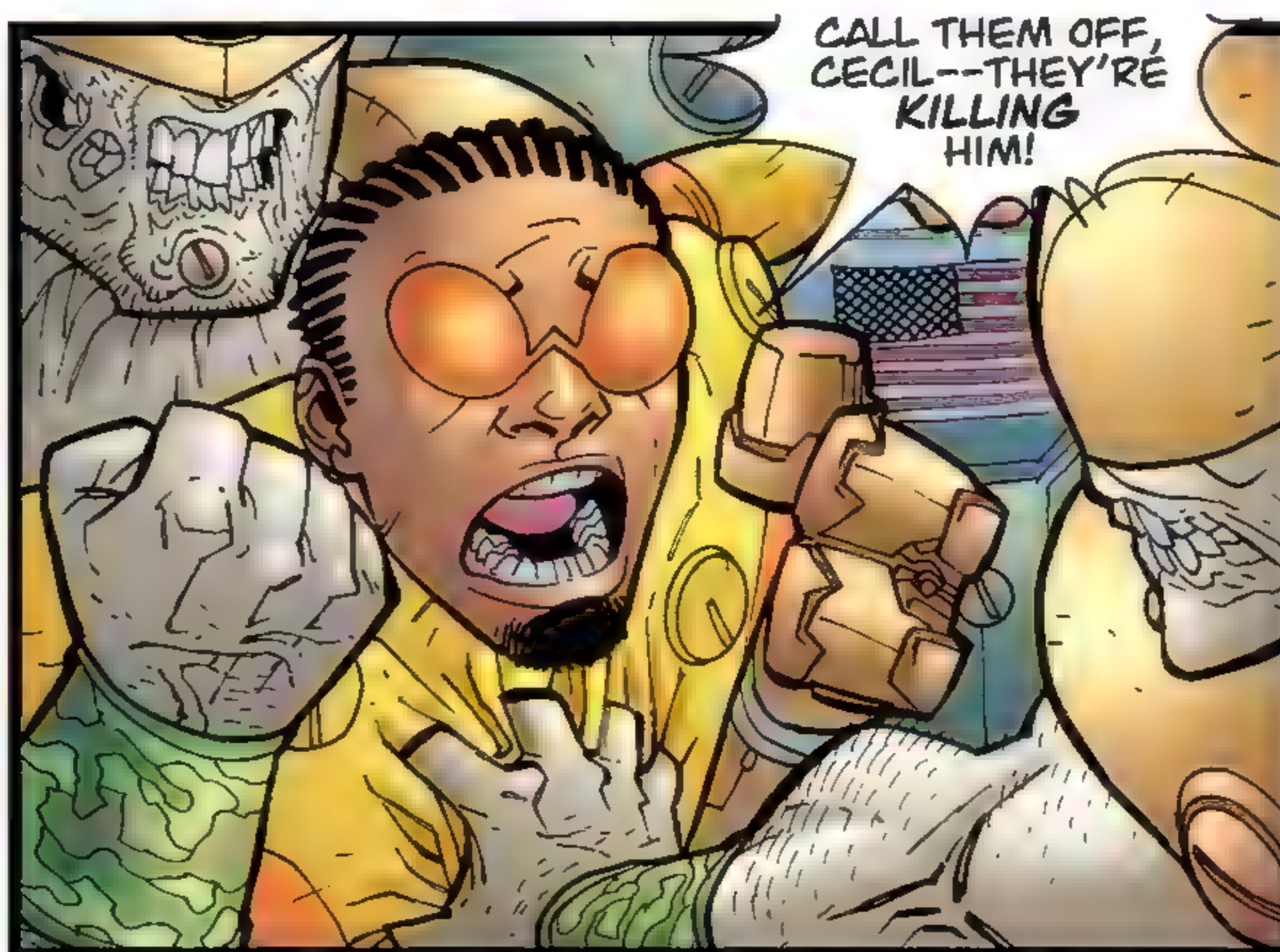
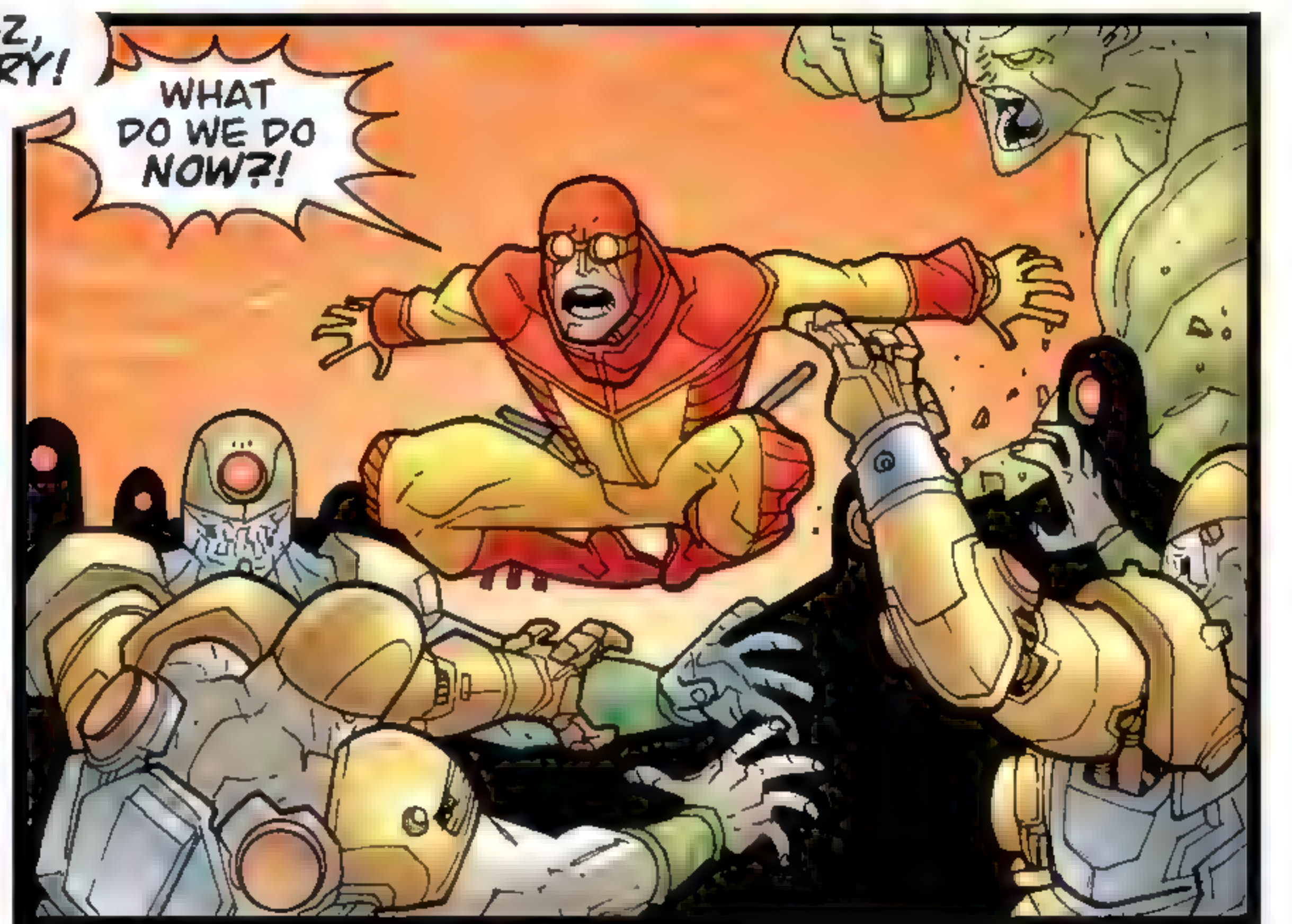
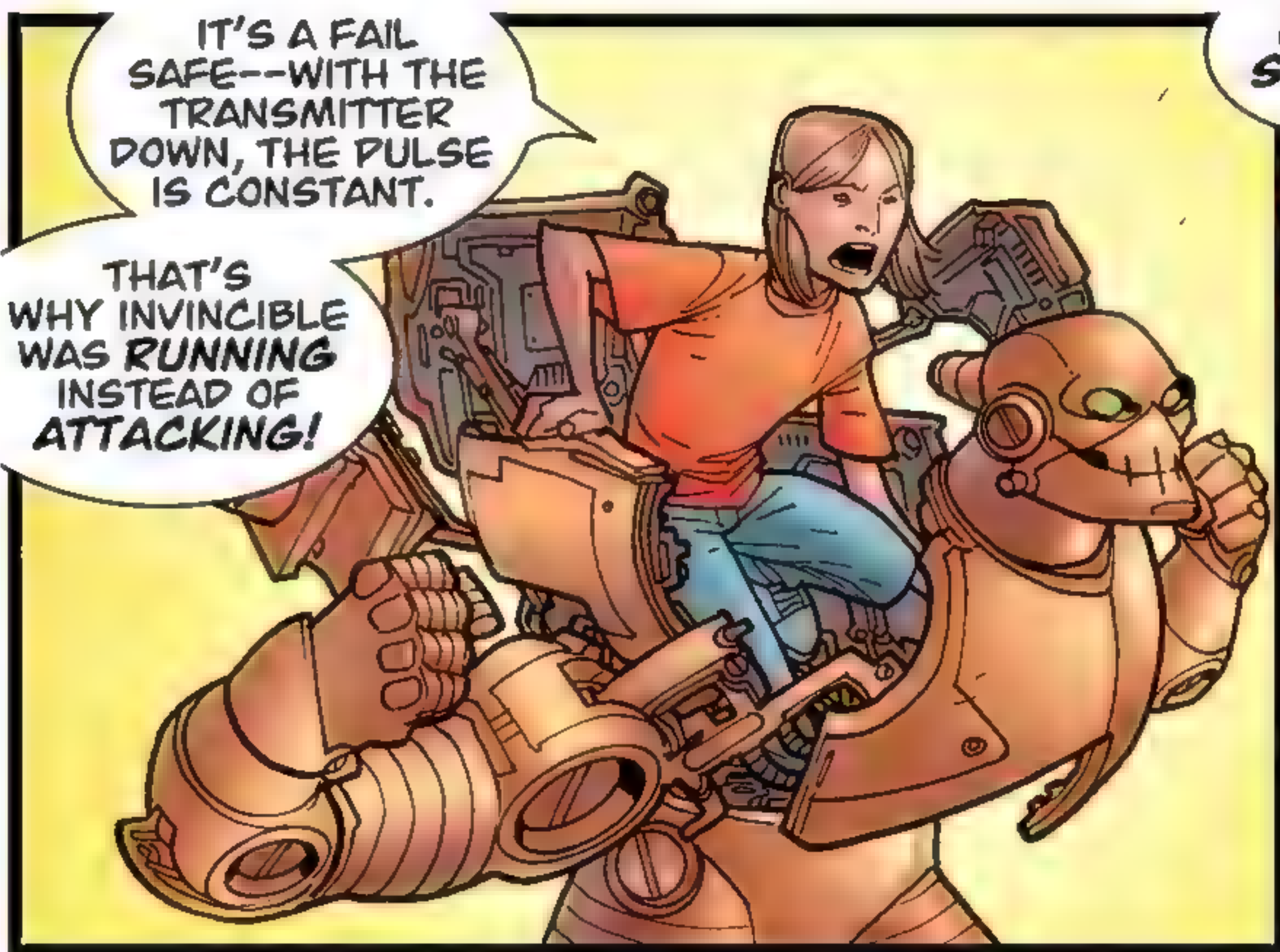
I SAW THAT... I THOUGHT THOSE THINGS LOOKED FAMILIAR.

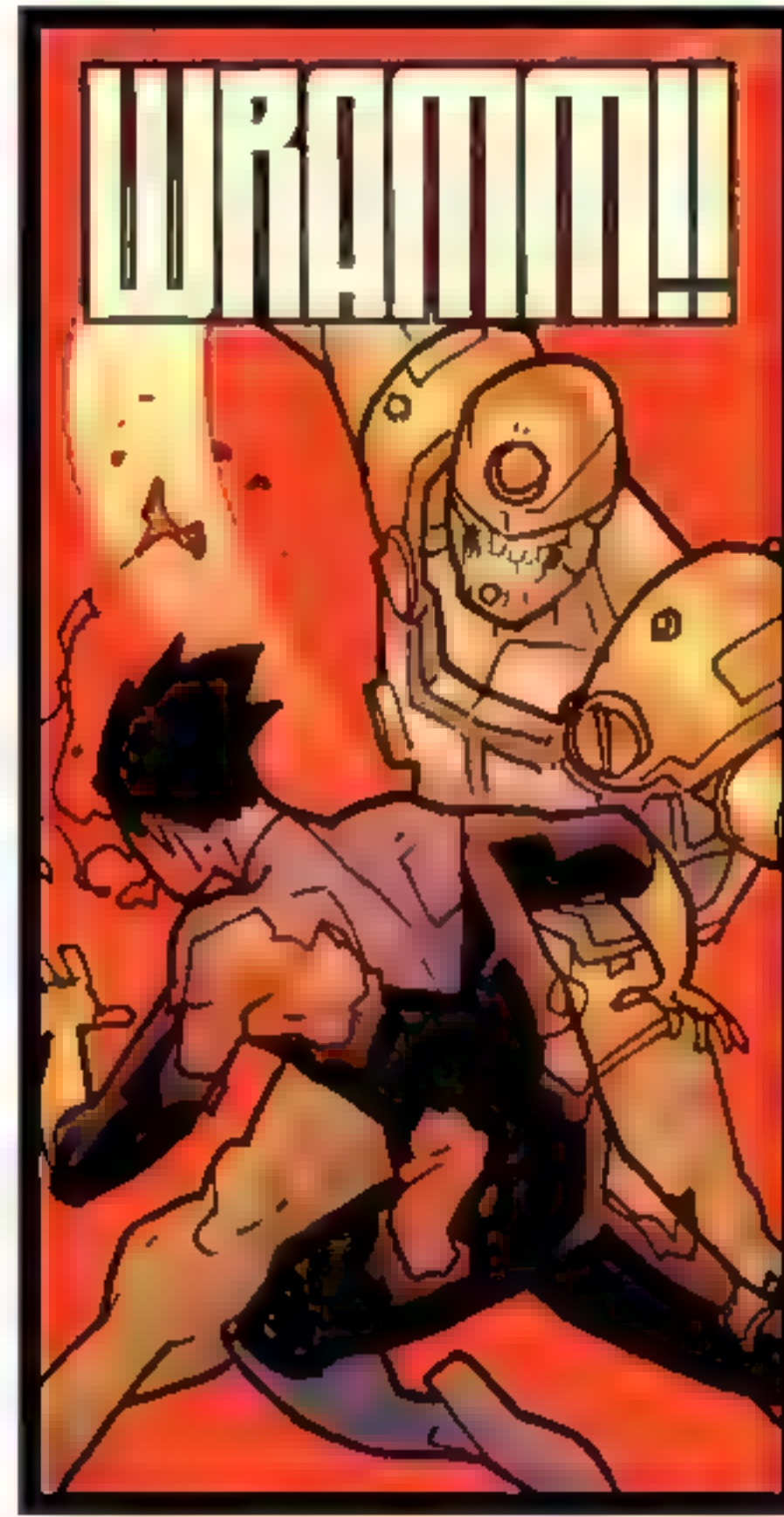
THIS ISN'T WHAT WE SIGNED UP FOR!

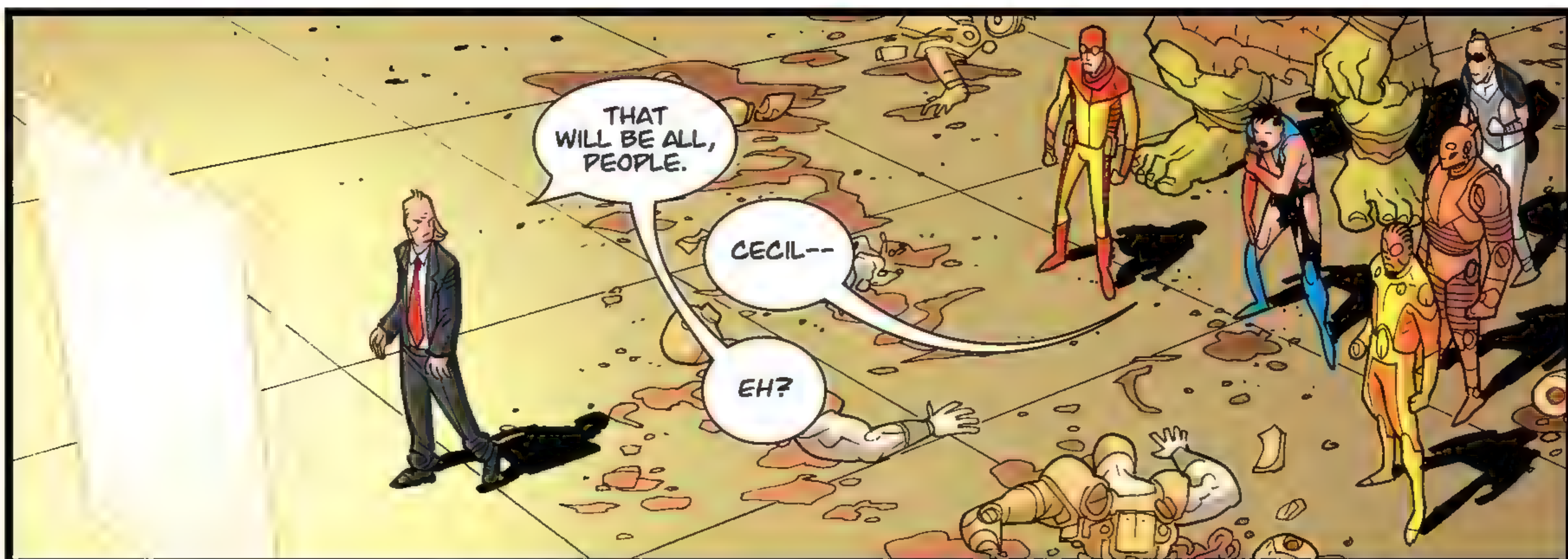
CECIL, IS... IS INVINCIBLE TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE THINGS?









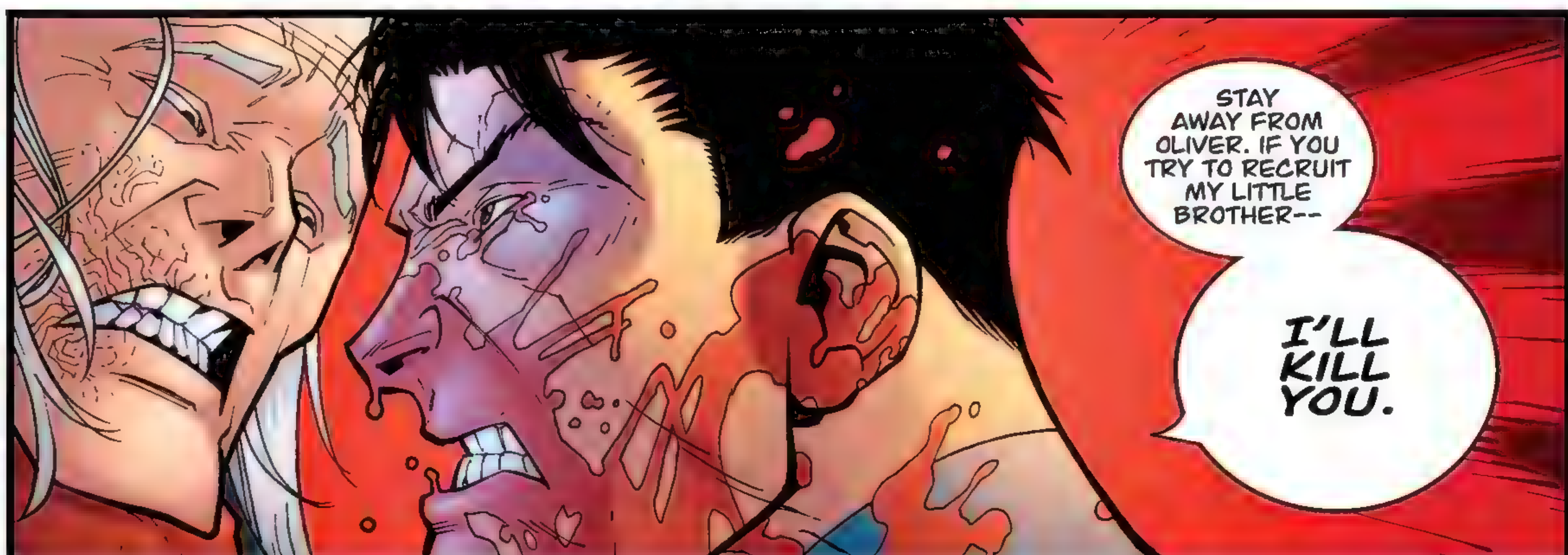




IF WE'RE DONE--
WE'RE DONE. GET IT?
I DON'T WANT YOU IN
MY LIFE--I DON'T
WANT YOU MESSING
WITH ME.

WHATEVER
I'VE BEEN PAID--
WHATEVER YOU'VE
GIVEN US--IT'S
MINE. YOU STAY
AWAY FROM MY
FAMILY.

I DON'T
WANT YOU
TALKING TO MY
MOTHER--I
DON'T WANT
YOU COMING TO
MY HOUSE.



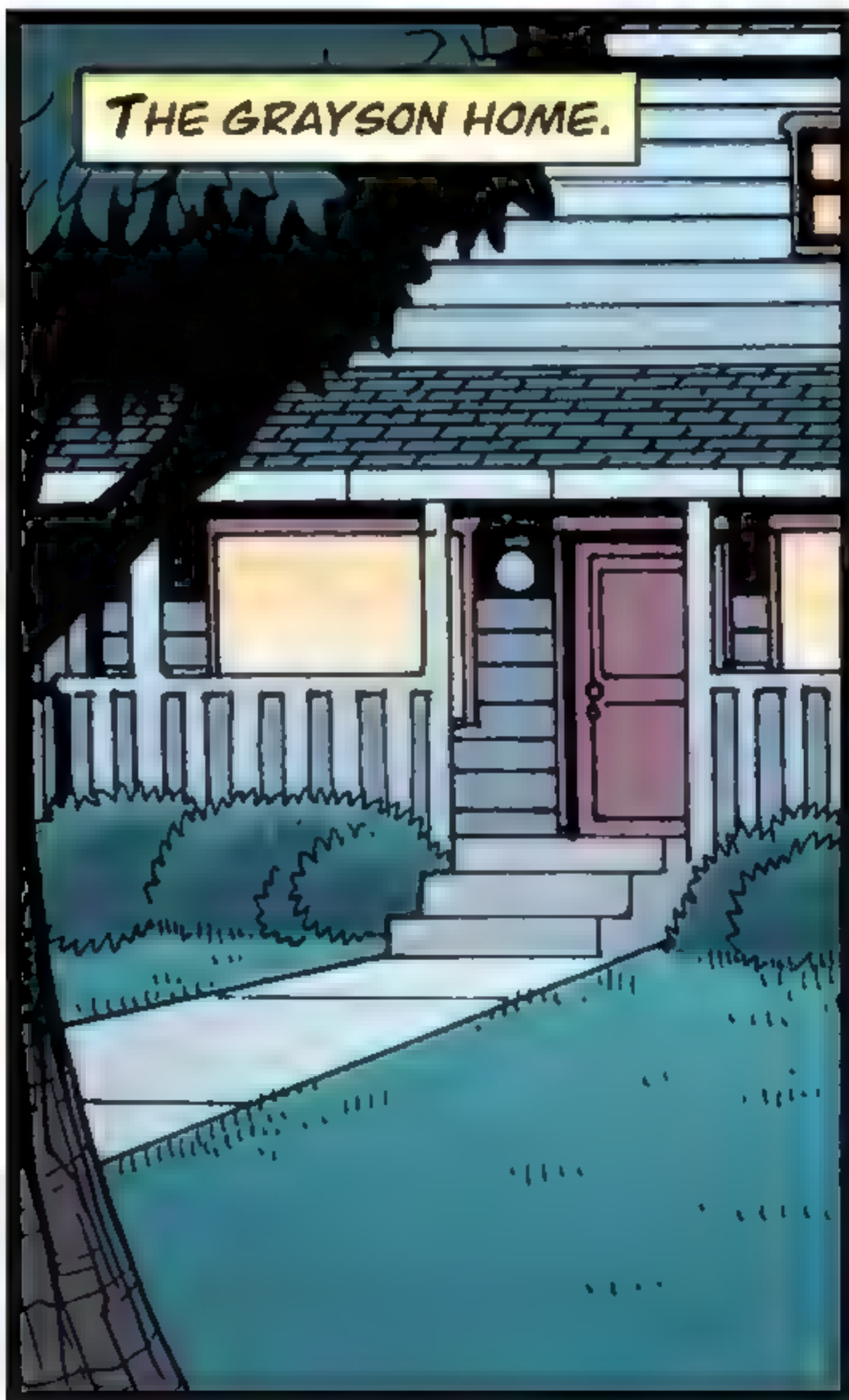
STAY
AWAY FROM
OLIVER. IF YOU
TRY TO RECRUIT
MY LITTLE
BROTHER--

I'LL
KILL
YOU.



>KOFF!
>KOFF!
>KOFF!

ROBOT,
GET THIS
DAMN THING
OUT OF MY
EAR.

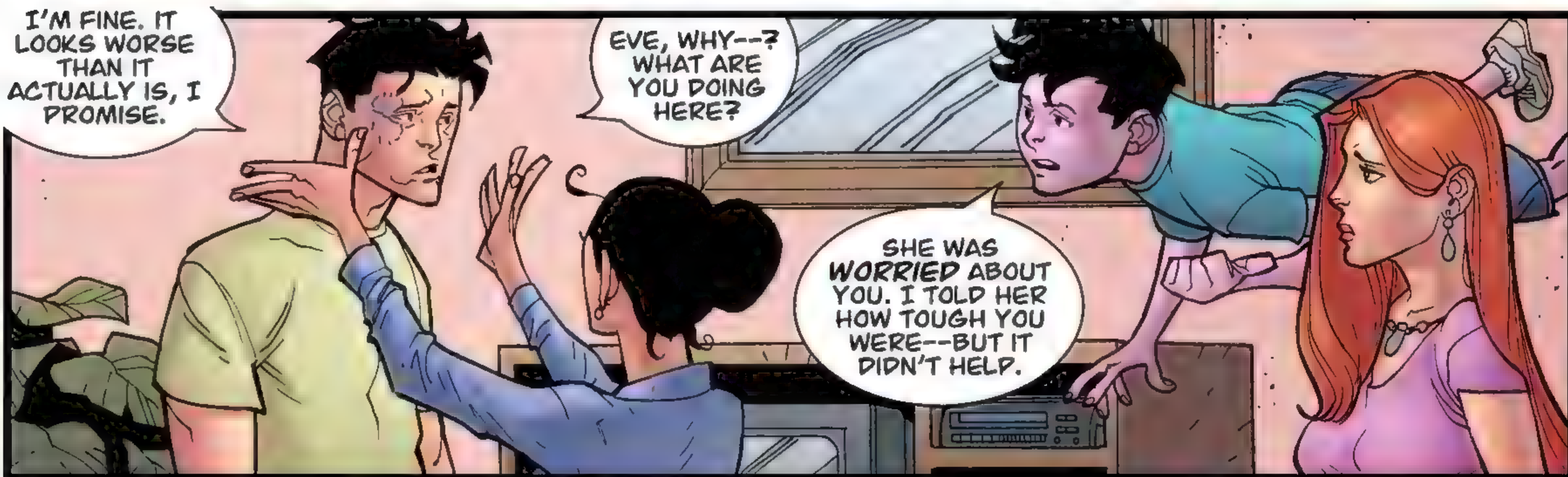


THE GRAYSON HOME.



MARK!

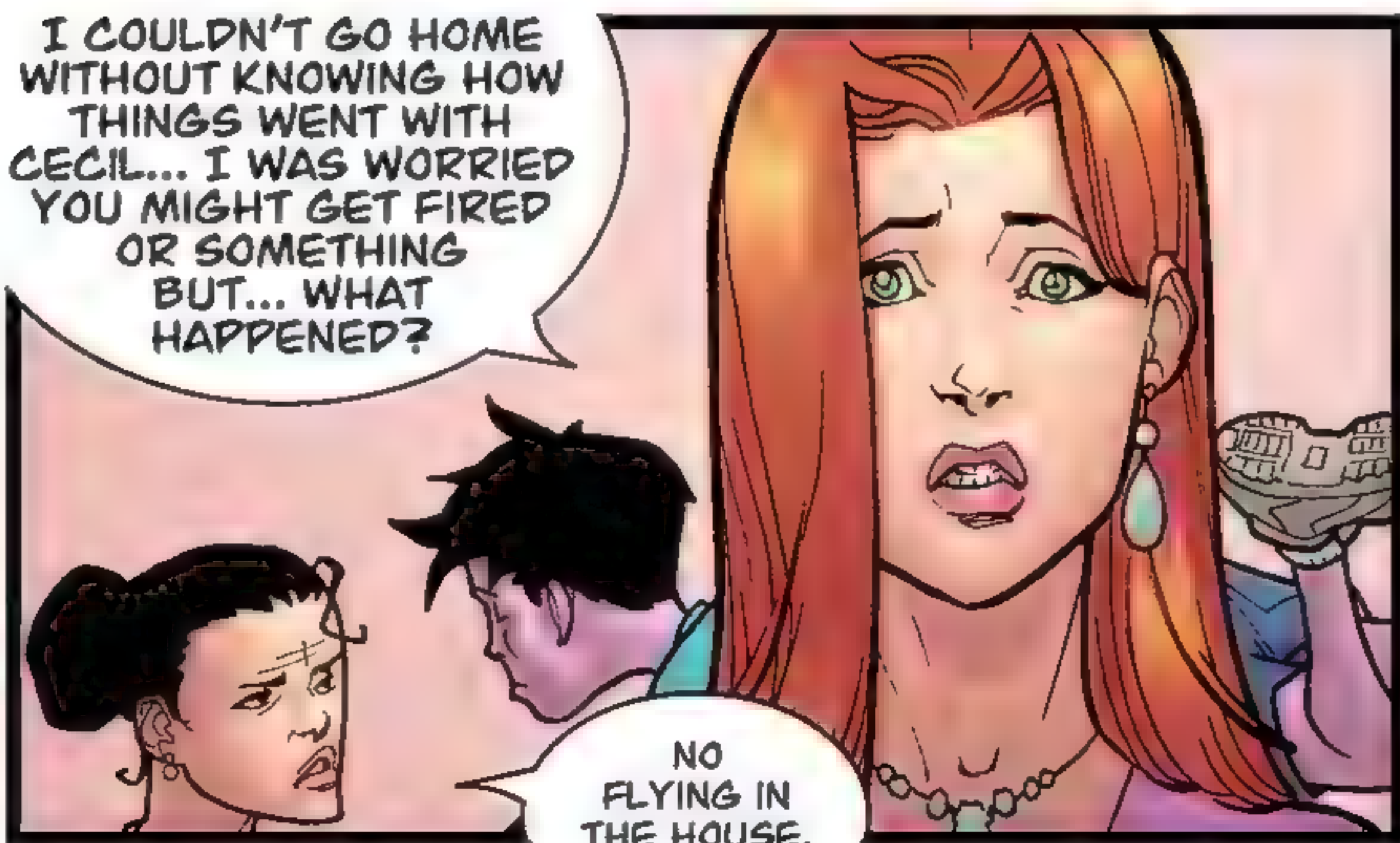
OH MY GOD--ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT HAPPENED?



I'M FINE. IT LOOKS WORSE THAN IT ACTUALLY IS, I PROMISE.

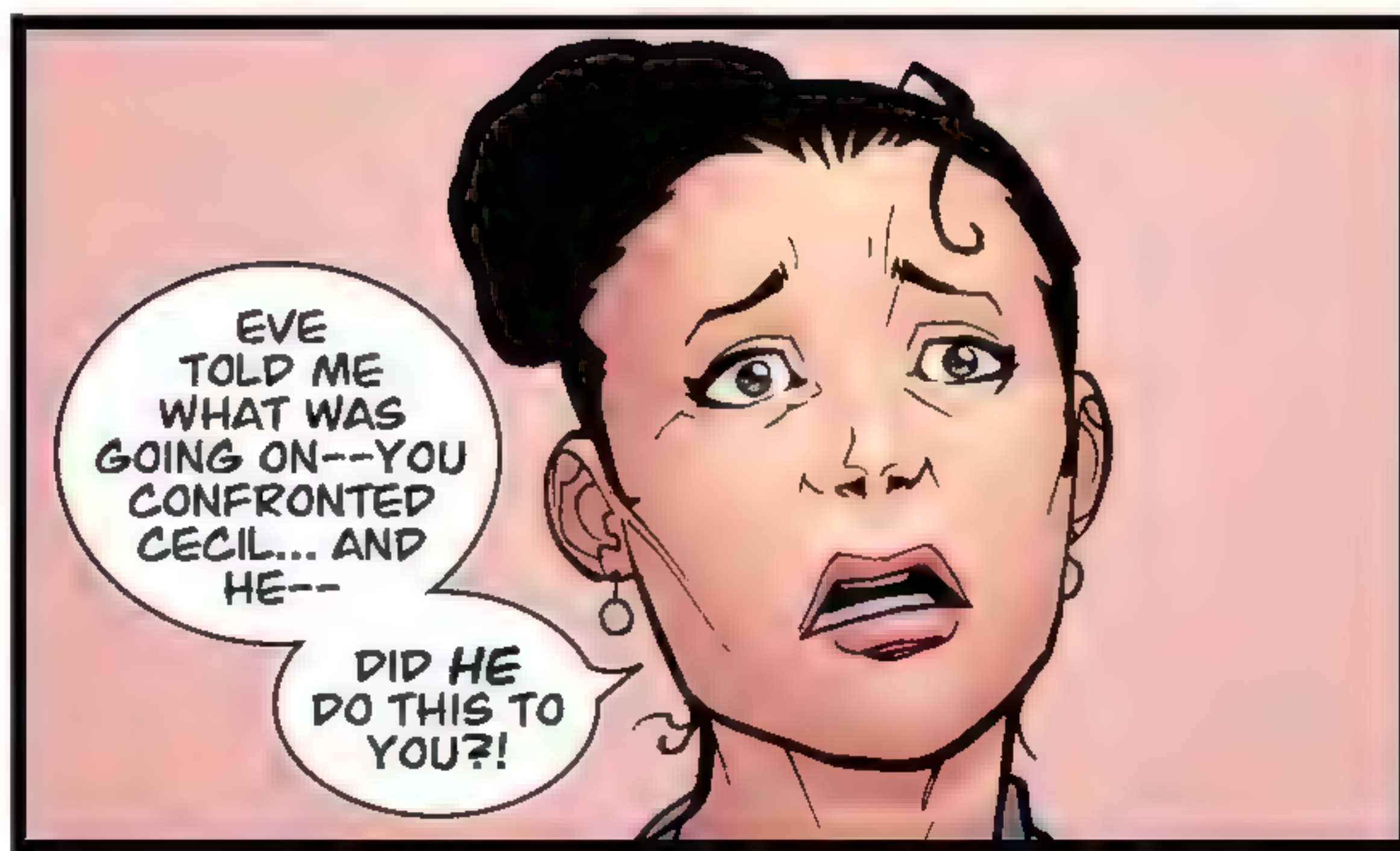
EVE, WHY--? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. I TOLD HER HOW TOUGH YOU WERE--BUT IT DIDN'T HELP.



I COULDN'T GO HOME WITHOUT KNOWING HOW THINGS WENT WITH CECIL... I WAS WORRIED YOU MIGHT GET FIRED OR SOMETHING BUT... WHAT HAPPENED?

NO FLYING IN THE HOUSE.



EVE TOLD ME WHAT WAS GOING ON--YOU CONFRONTED CECIL... AND HE--

DID HE DO THIS TO YOU?!



MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL SIT DOWN. I KNOW I'D LIKE TO.

CAN I HOVER?

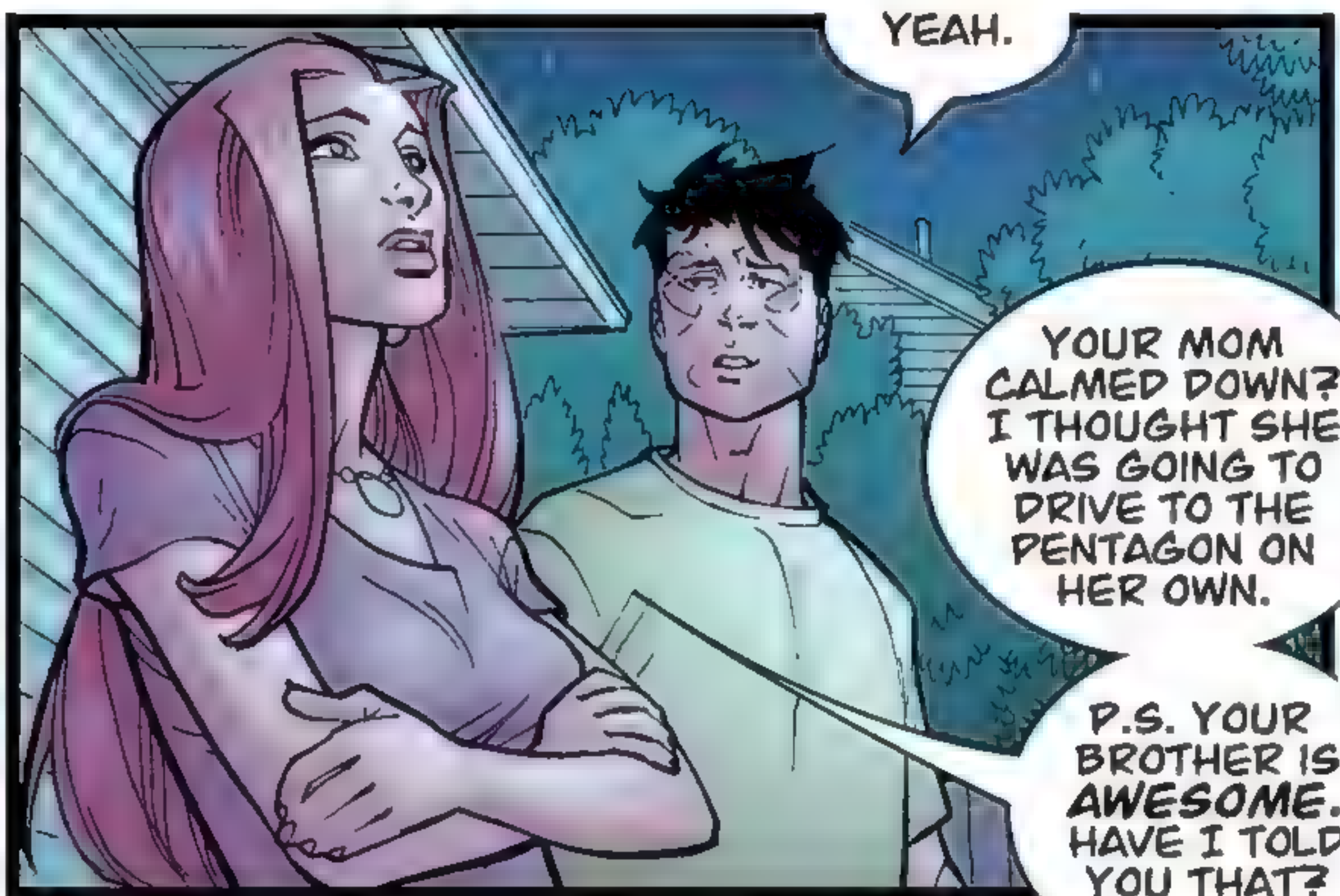
NO.



EVE,
WAIT--

OH, I WASN'T GOING
TO GO WITHOUT SAYING
GOODBYE... I JUST
THOUGHT YOU AND YOUR
MOM WOULD WANT TO BE
ALONE FOR A MINUTE...
TO TALK ABOUT
STUFF.

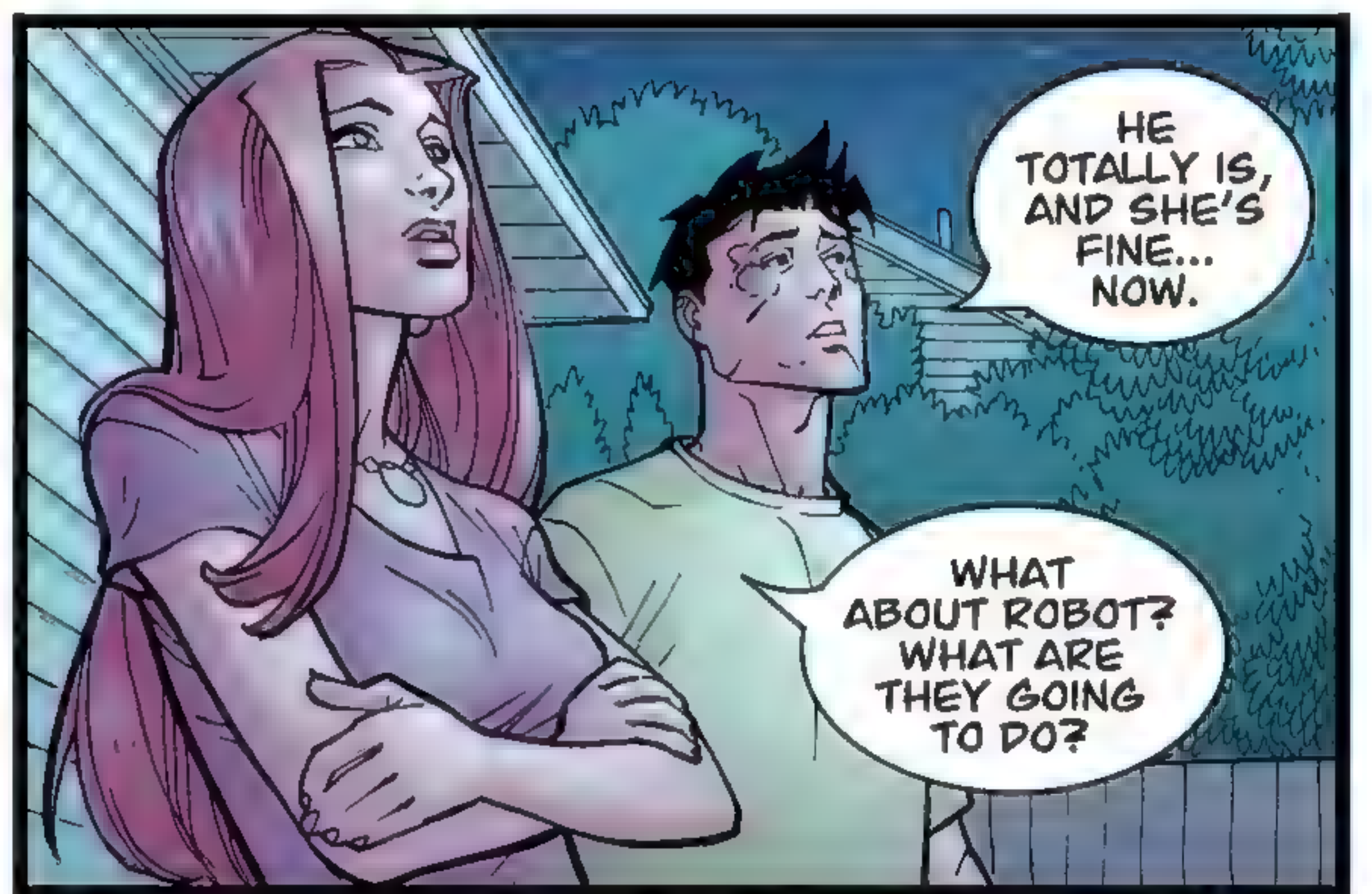
AND IT'S
A PRETTY
NIGHT.



YEAH.

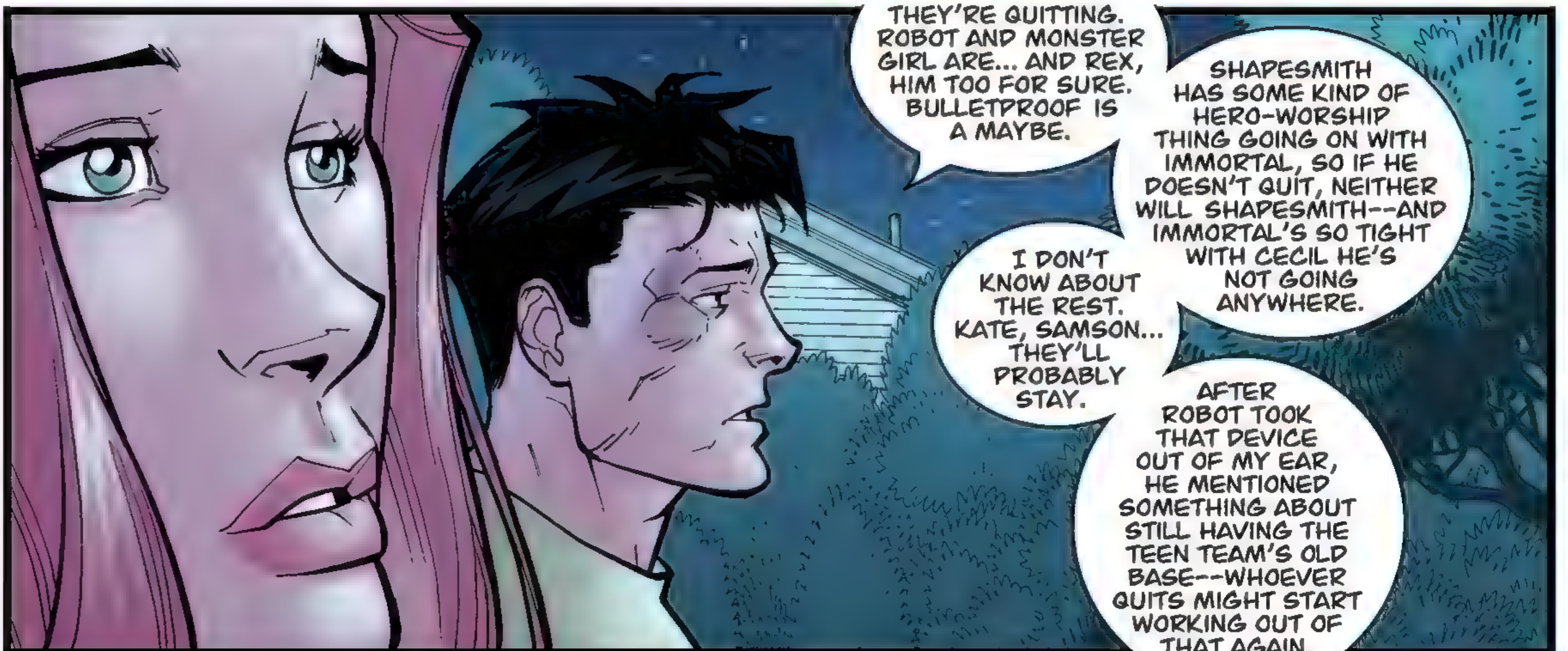
YOUR MOM
CALMED DOWN?
I THOUGHT SHE
WAS GOING TO
DRIVE TO THE
PENTAGON ON
HER OWN.

P.S. YOUR
BROTHER IS
AWESOME.
HAVE I TOLD
YOU THAT?



HE
TOTALLY IS,
AND SHE'S
FINE...
NOW.

WHAT
ABOUT ROBOT?
WHAT ARE
THEY GOING
TO DO?

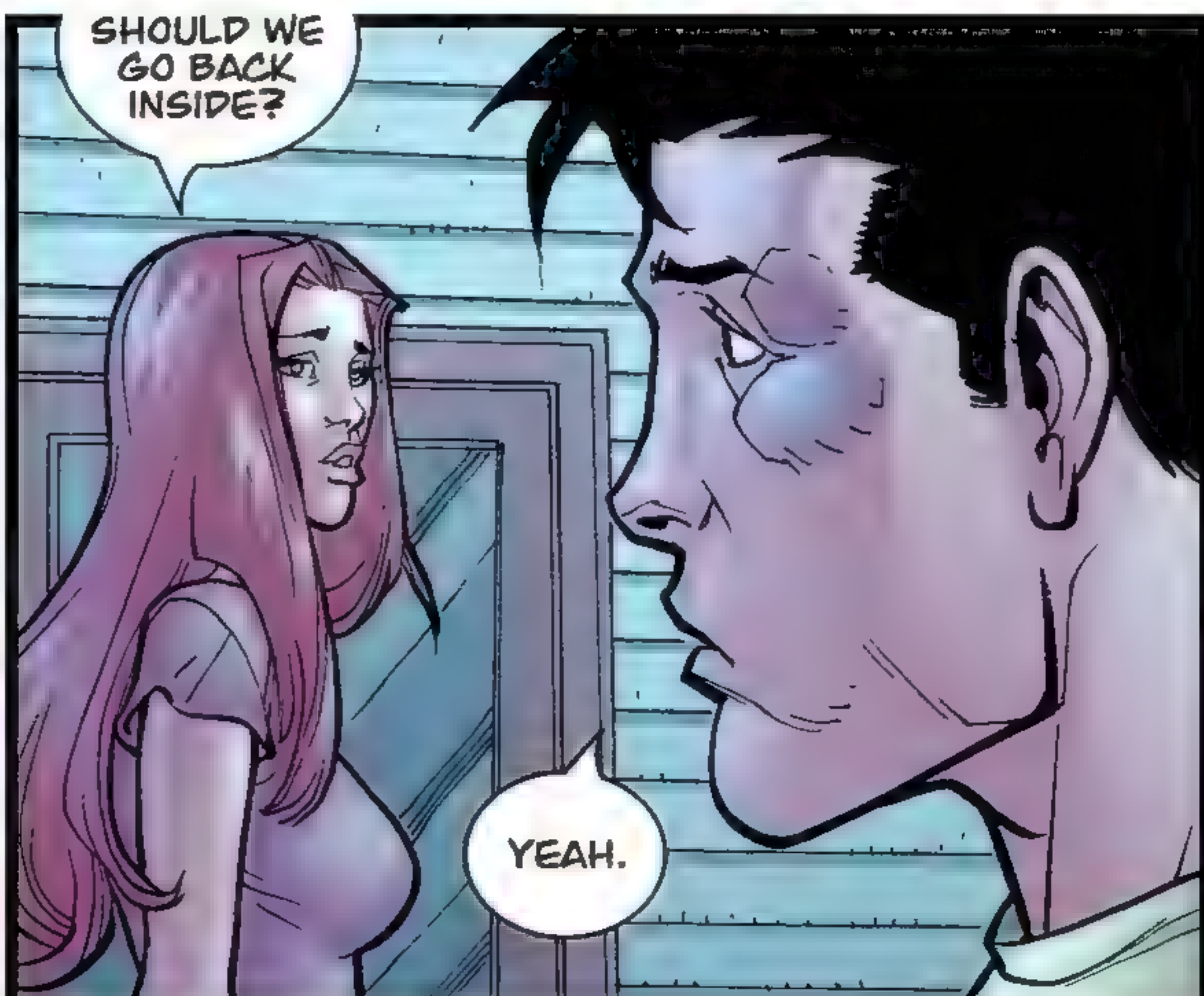


THEY'RE QUITTING.
ROBOT AND MONSTER
GIRL ARE... AND REX,
HIM TOO FOR SURE.
BULLETPROOF IS
A MAYBE.

SHAPESMITH
HAS SOME KIND OF
HERO-WORSHIP
THING GOING ON WITH
IMMORTAL, SO IF HE
DOESN'T QUIT, NEITHER
WILL SHAPESMITH--AND
IMMORTAL'S SO TIGHT
WITH CECIL HE'S
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE.

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THE REST.
KATE, SAMSON...
THEY'LL
PROBABLY
STAY.

AFTER
ROBOT TOOK
THAT DEVICE
OUT OF MY EAR,
HE MENTIONED
SOMETHING ABOUT
STILL HAVING THE
TEEN TEAM'S OLD
BASE--WHOEVER
QUITS MIGHT START
WORKING OUT OF
THAT AGAIN.



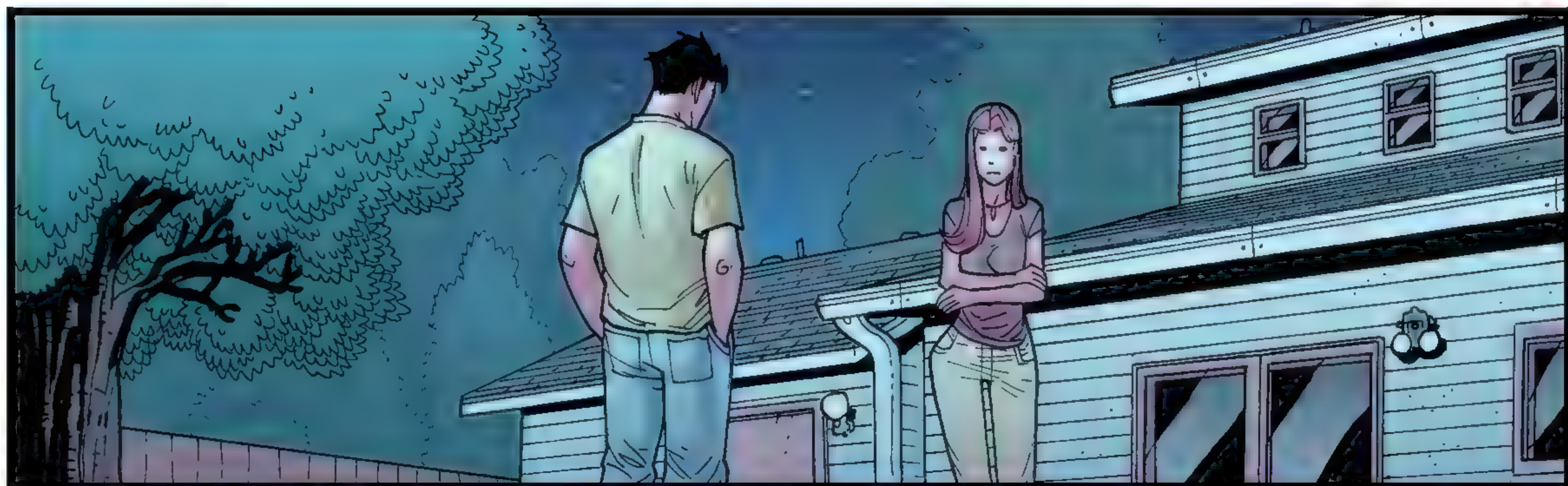
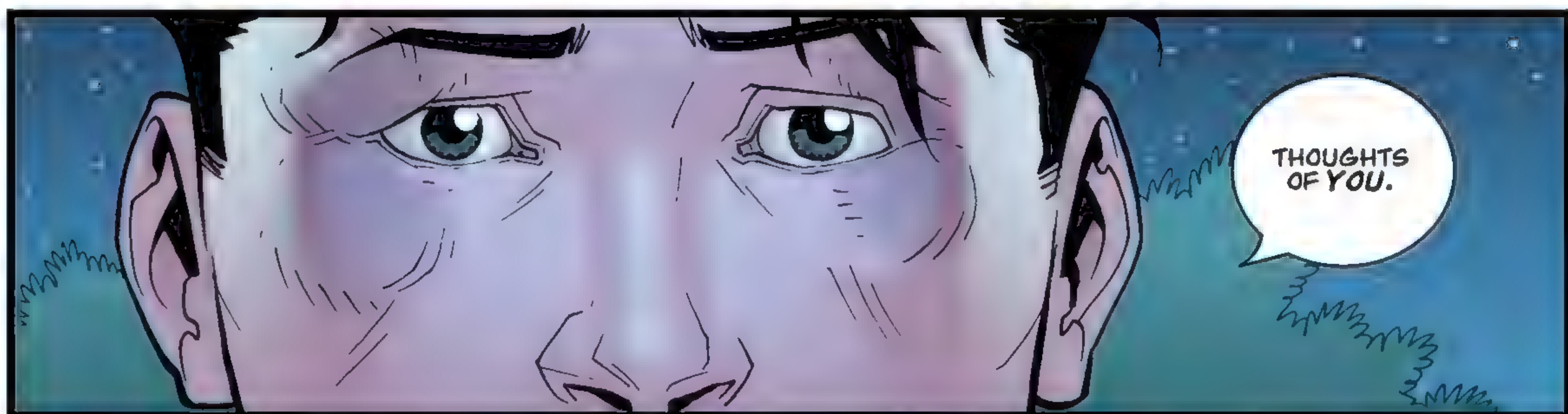
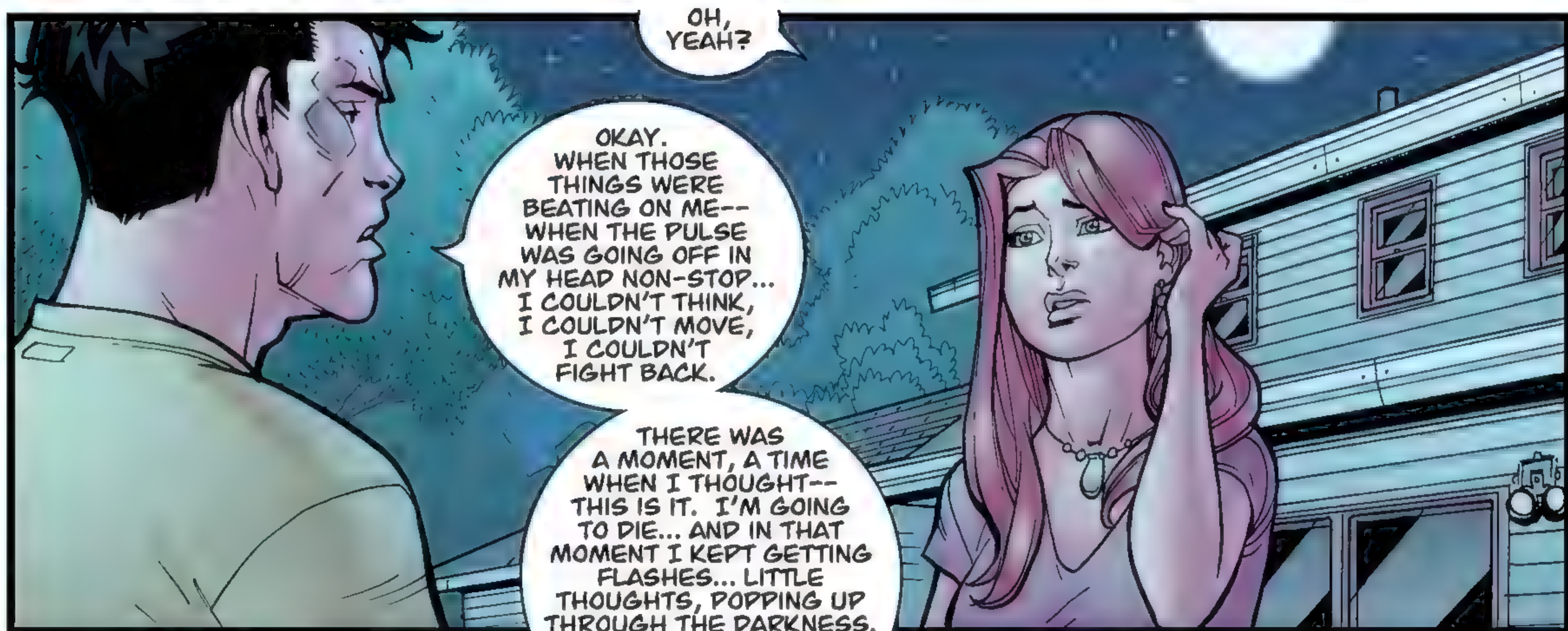
SHOULD WE
GO BACK
INSIDE?

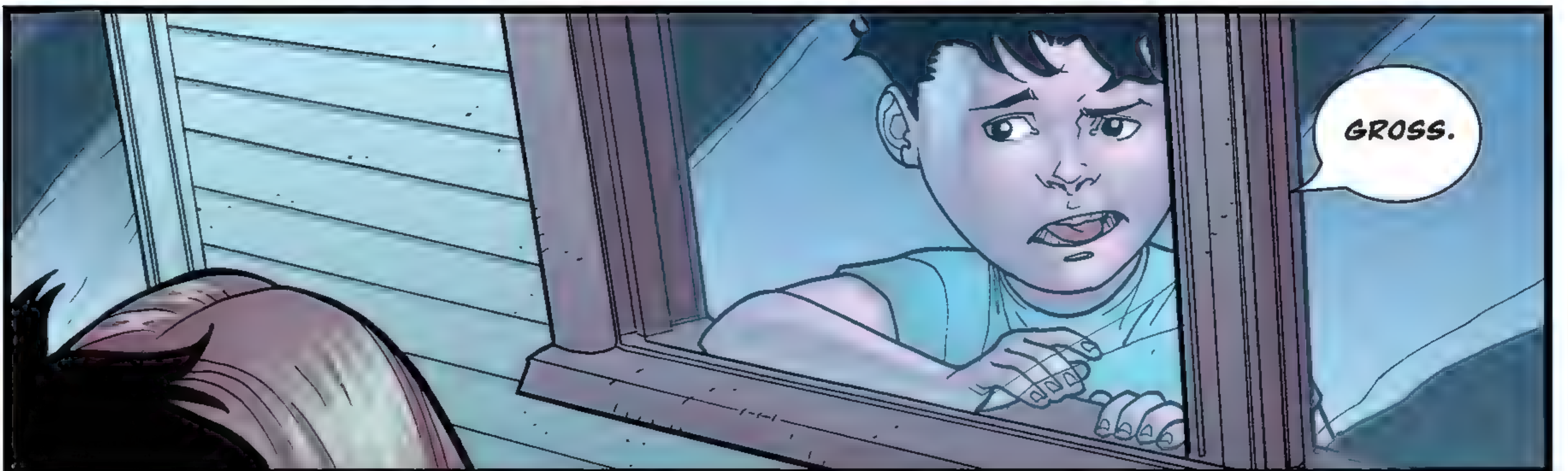
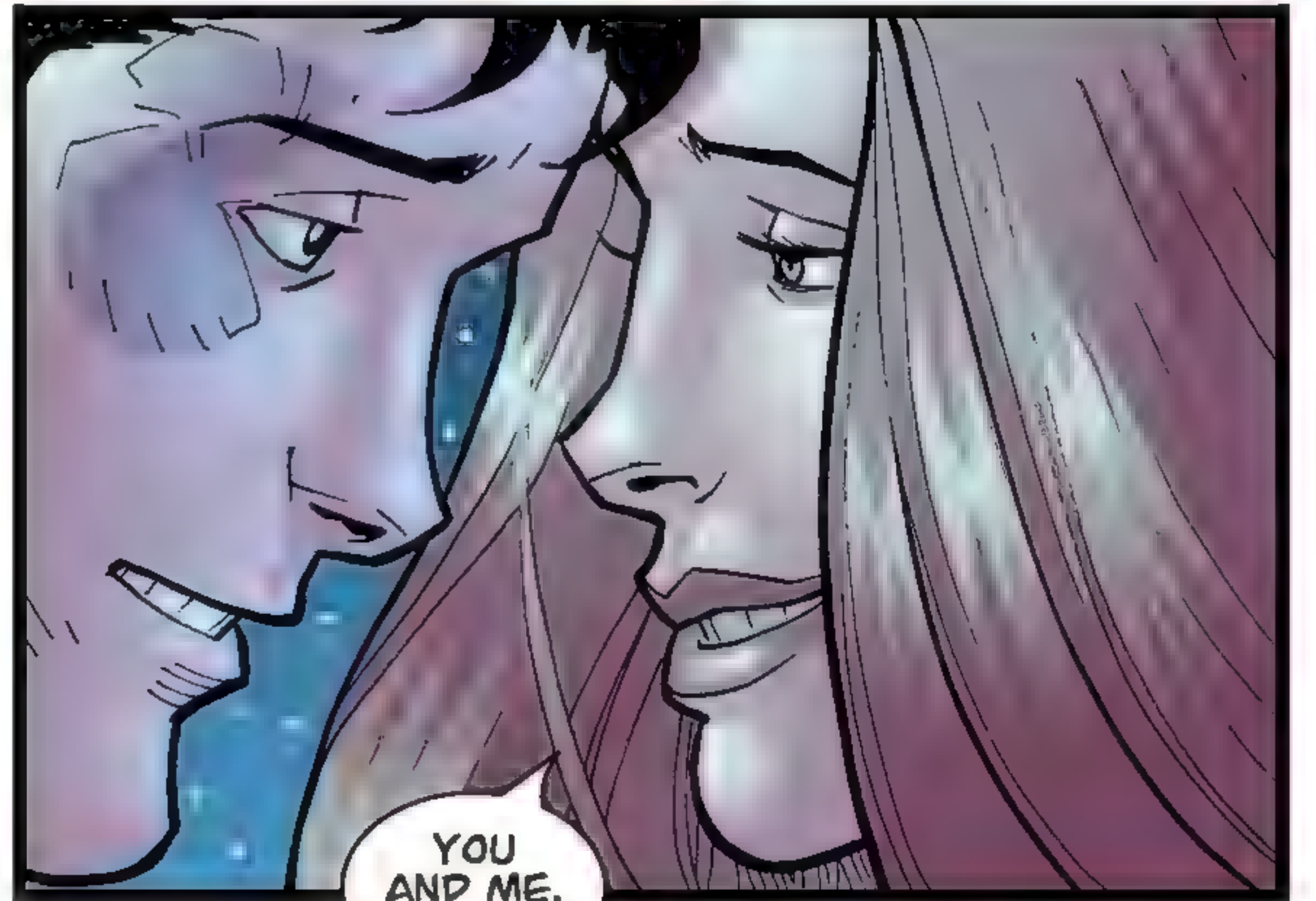
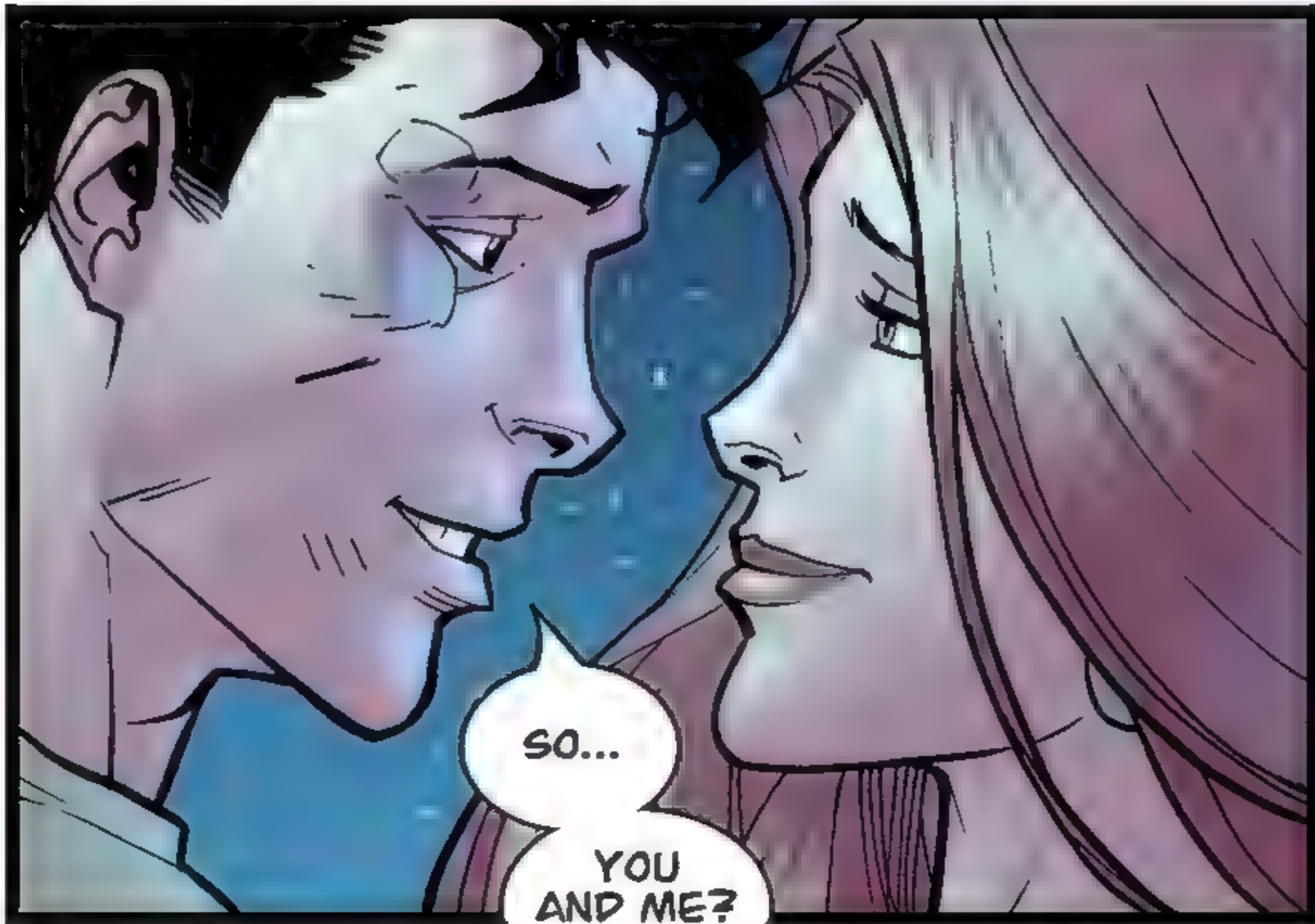
YEAH.



NO...
WAIT.

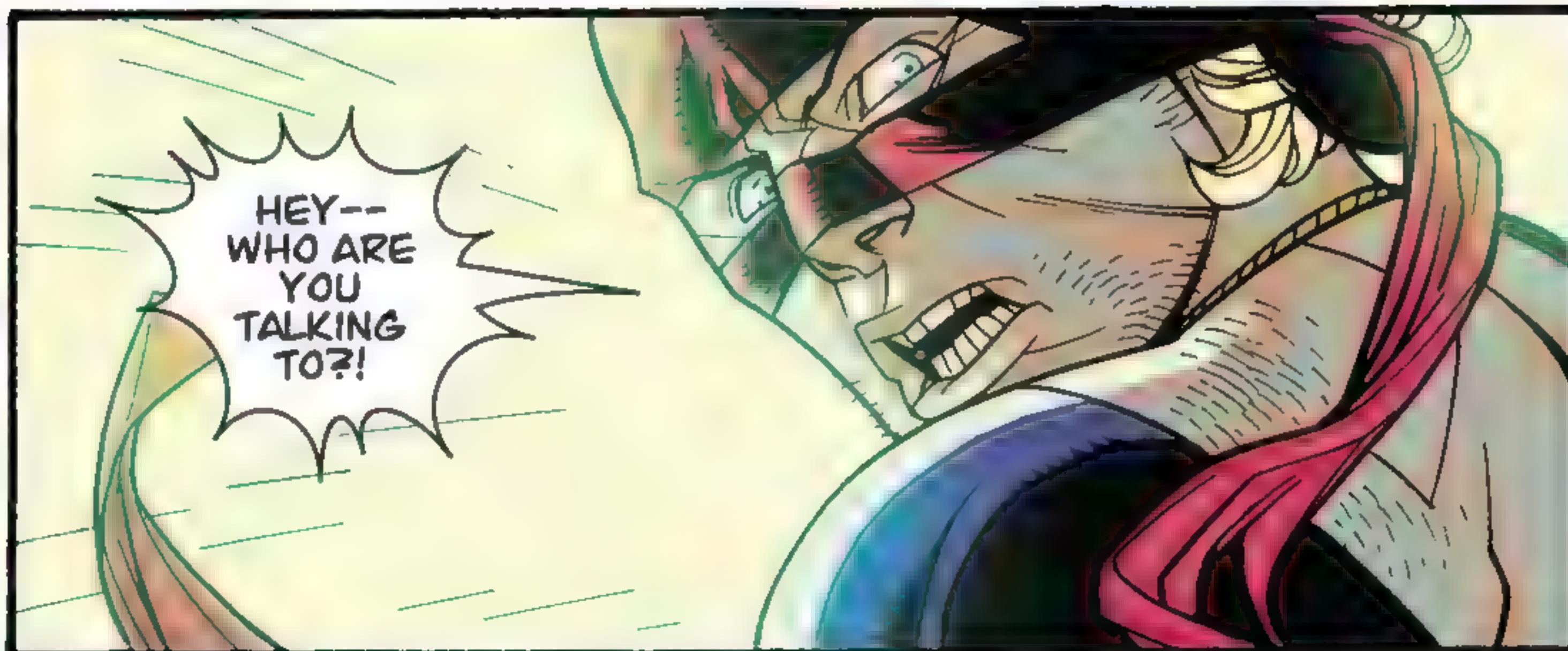
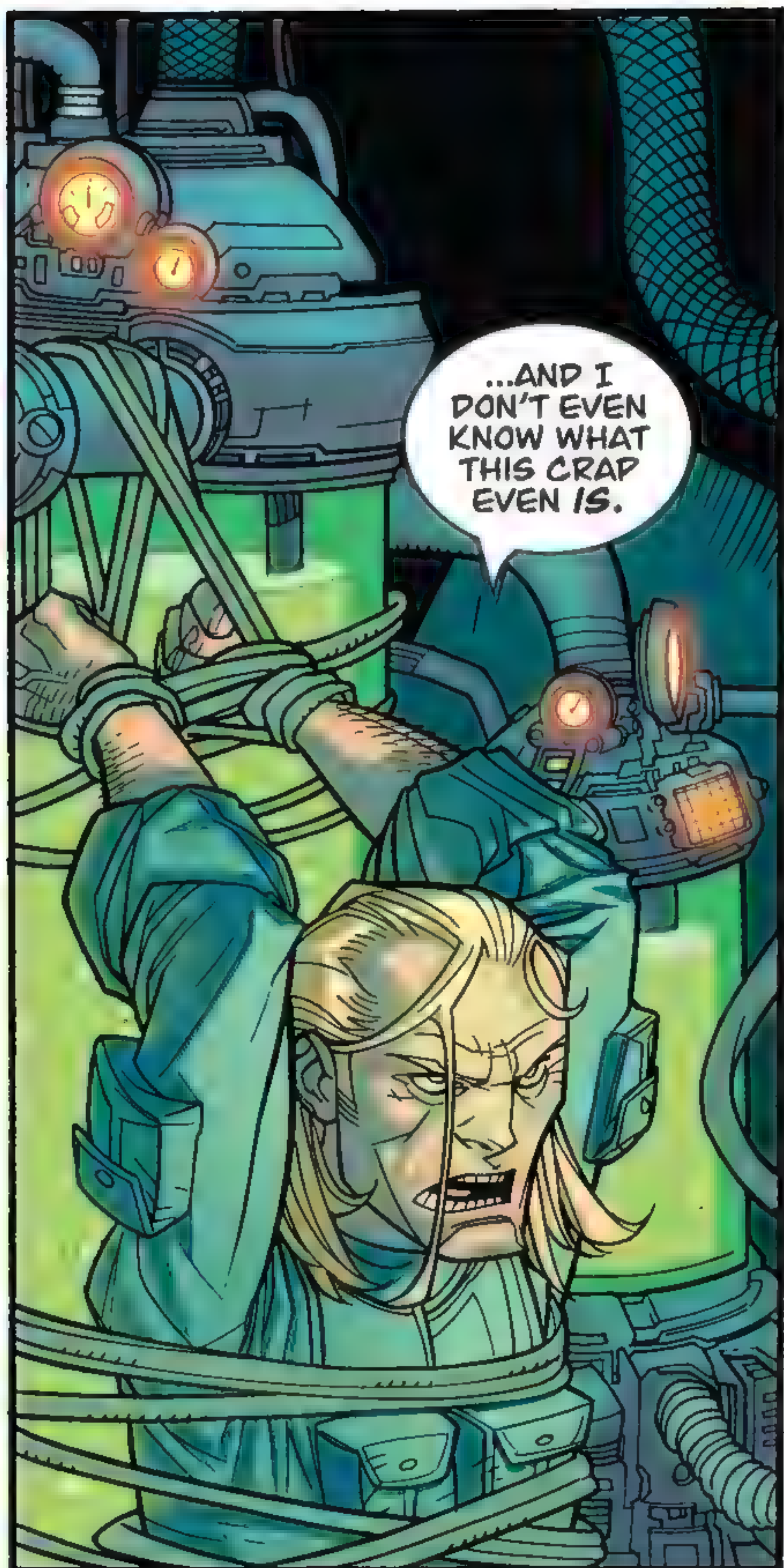
I
WANTED
TO TALK
TO YOU.





AT LONG LAST--THE SECRET ORIGIN OF CECIL STEDMAN!







AT LAST--OUR MASTER PLAN IS COMPLETE! THIS IS THE EPICENTER OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER!

WE'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE--AND WHEN CHEMICAL X EVAPORATES INTO GAS, THIS ENTIRE CITY WILL BECOME A BARREN WASTELAND!

OUR DEATHS WILL REPRESENT THE DELICATE BALANCE OF LIFE AND DEATH--IT WILL TEACH AN ENTIRE GENERATION TO LIVE LIFE TO ITS FULLEST!

WE'LL SPARK A REVOLUTION! OUR WORK OF ART WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!

STOW IT, CRAZIES!

HQ--LISTEN UP! WE'VE GOT A SITUATION HERE!

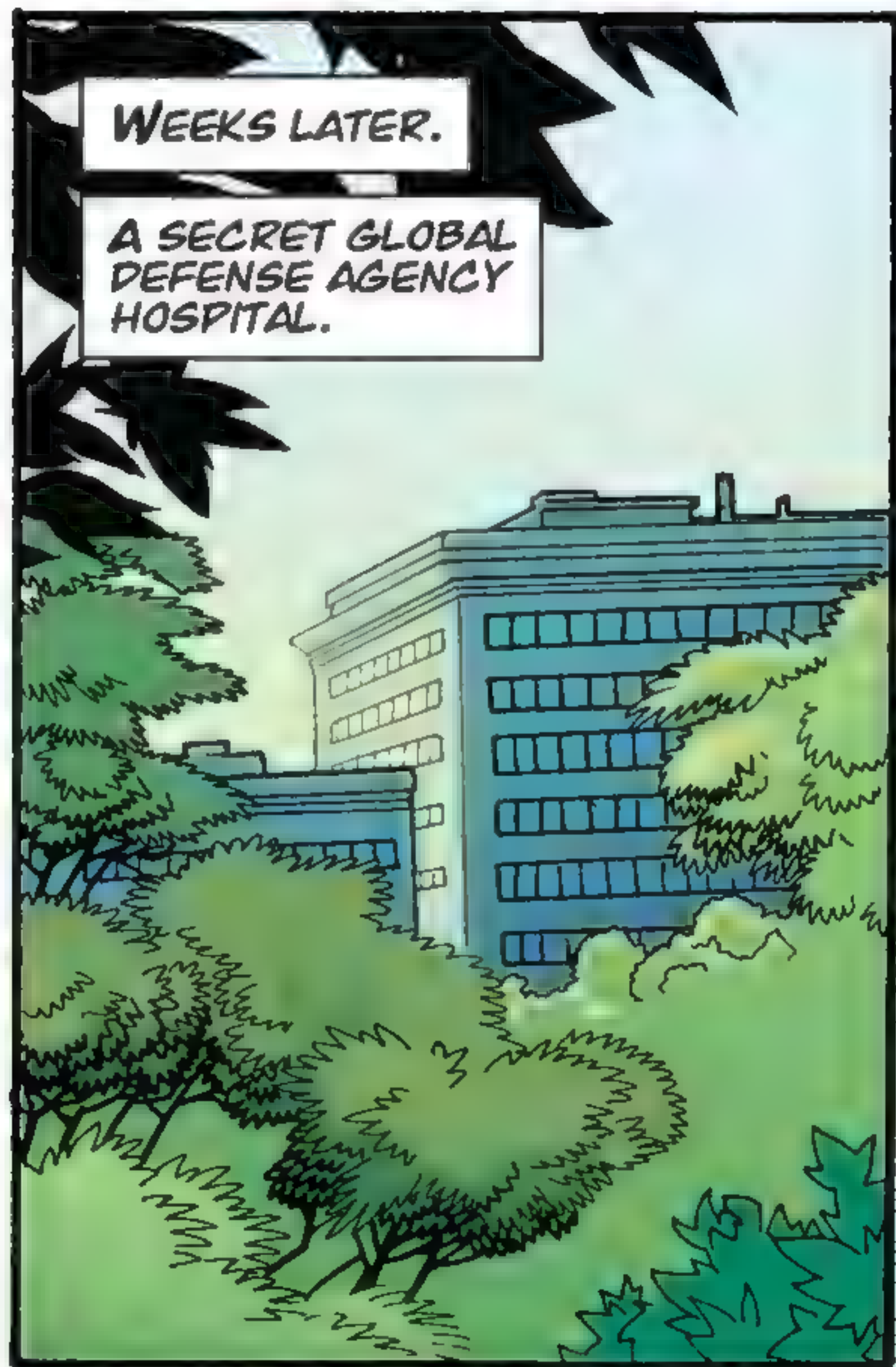
CHEMICAL X HAS BEEN RELEASED!

WE NEED TO QUARANTINE A THREE MILE RADIUS AROUND MY LOCATION, DOUBLE FAST!

AGENT STEDMAN IS DOWN! I REPEAT, AGENT STEDMAN IS DOWN! I NEED A MED-EVAC EQUIPPED WITH SAFE-SUITS ON SITE NOW!

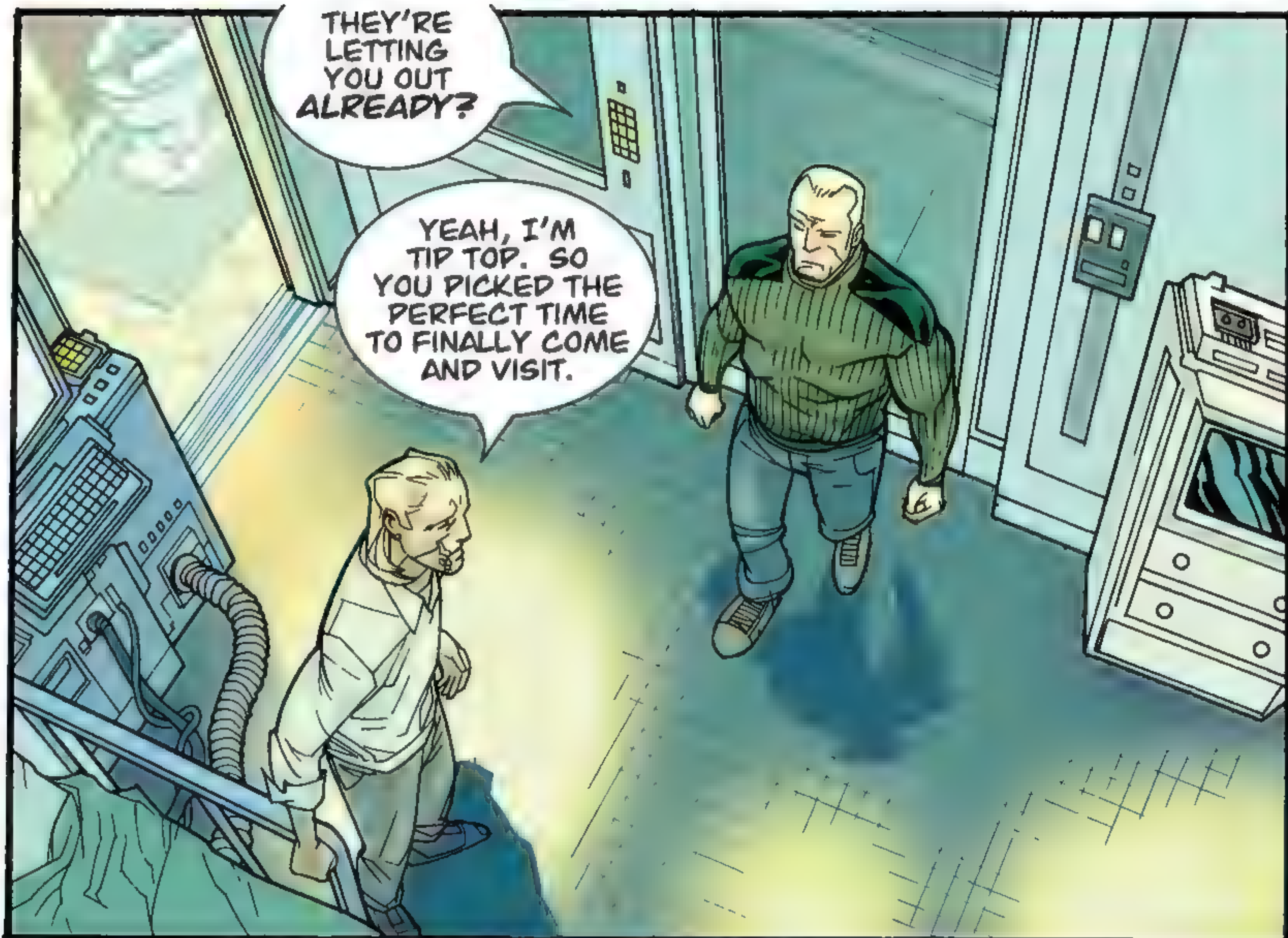
CECIL! CECIL--CAN YOU HEAR ME?

GET IT--OFF--



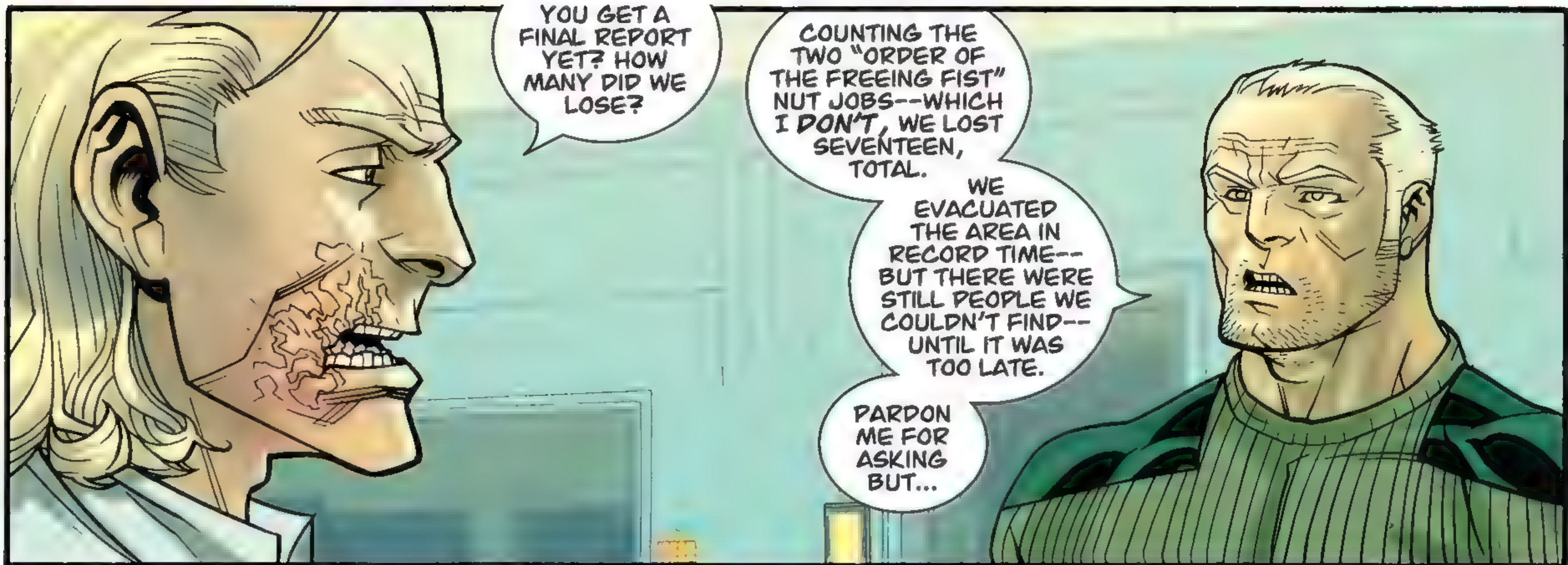
WEEKS LATER.

A SECRET GLOBAL
DEFENSE AGENCY
HOSPITAL.



THEY'RE
LETTING
YOU OUT
ALREADY?

YEAH, I'M
TIP TOP. SO
YOU PICKED THE
PERFECT TIME
TO FINALLY COME
AND VISIT.

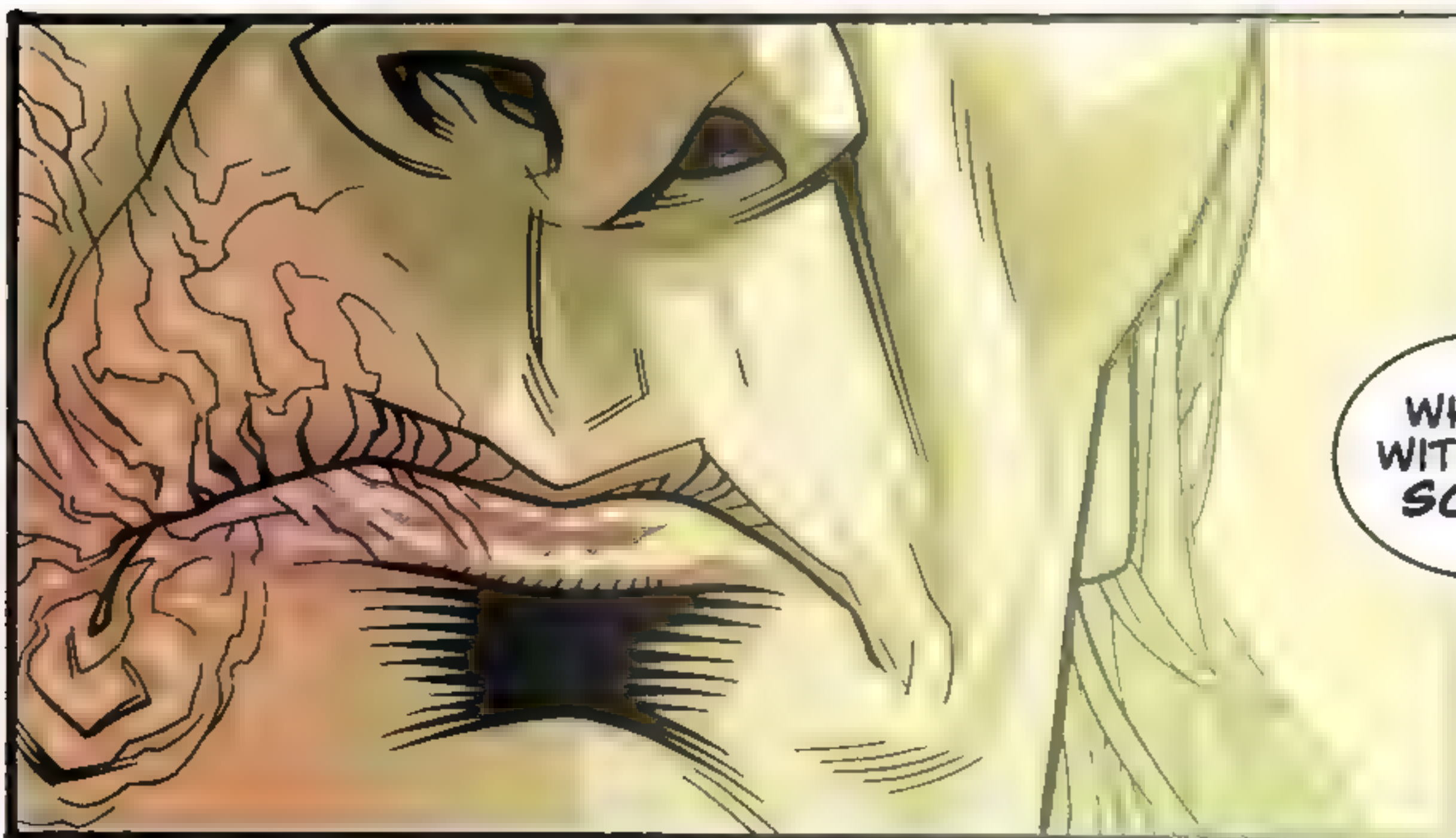


YOU GET A
FINAL REPORT
YET? HOW
MANY DID WE
LOSE?

COUNTING THE
TWO "ORDER OF
THE FREEING FIST"
NUT JOBS--WHICH
I DON'T, WE LOST
SEVENTEEN,
TOTAL.

WE
EVACUATED
THE AREA IN
RECORD TIME--
BUT THERE WERE
STILL PEOPLE WE
COULDN'T FIND--
UNTIL IT WAS
TOO LATE.

PARDON
ME FOR
ASKING
BUT...



WHAT'S
WITH THE
SCAR?

DID THEY
MESS UP WHEN
THEY WERE
APPLYING THE
ARTIFICIAL
SKIN? WHAT
GIVES?

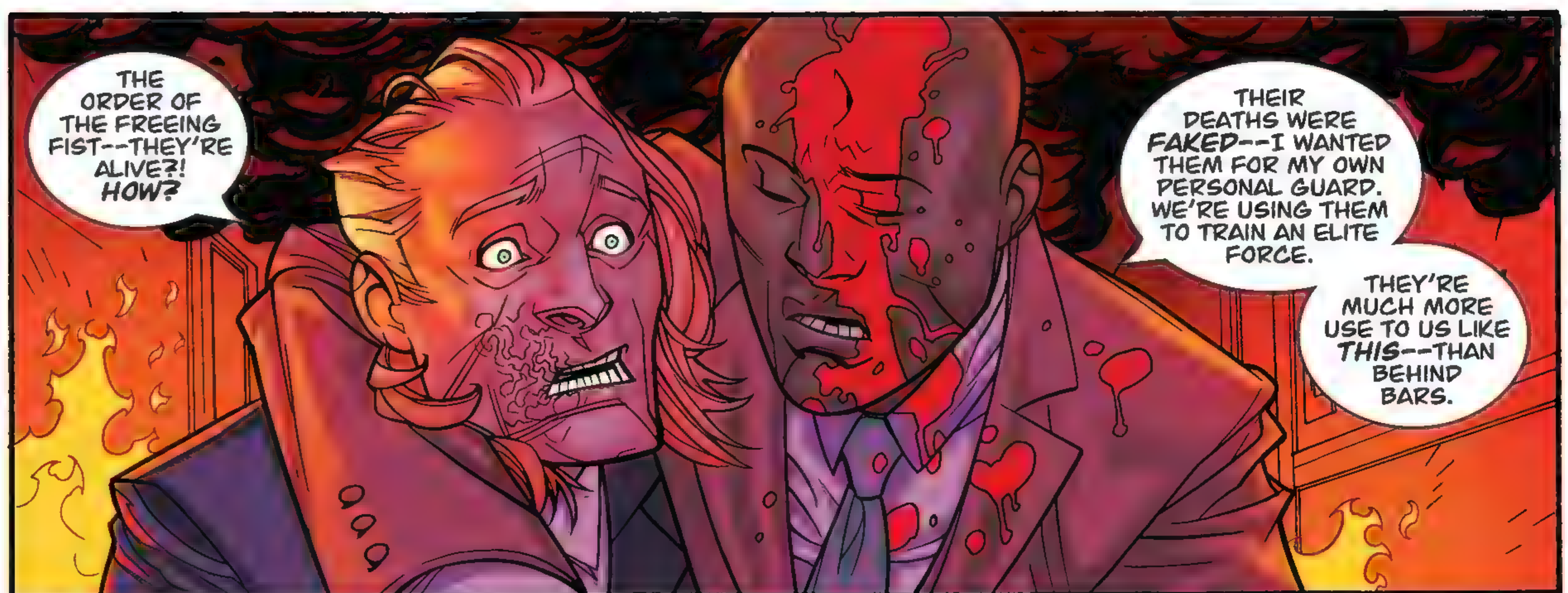


THAT'S NOT ARTIFICIAL.
THIS PATCH WAS THE
ONLY PART OF MY SKIN
THAT WAS EVEN REMOTELY
SALVAGEABLE. THEY
WANTED TO REPLACE IT--
BUT I WOULDN'T
LET THEM.

I WANT TO
BE REMINDED
OF THIS NIGHTMARE
EVERY TIME I LOOK
IN THE MIRROR... I
MESSED UP, BRIT.
I GOT PEOPLE
KILLED.

I WON'T
LET THIS
HAPPEN
AGAIN.







THIS MAKES WHAT THEY DID OKAY?! WHAT THEY DID TO ME?! THEY KILLED FIFTEEN PEOPLE FOR GOD'S SAKE!

THEY GET A CLEAN SLATE?!



WE'D BE DEAD RIGHT NOW IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM.



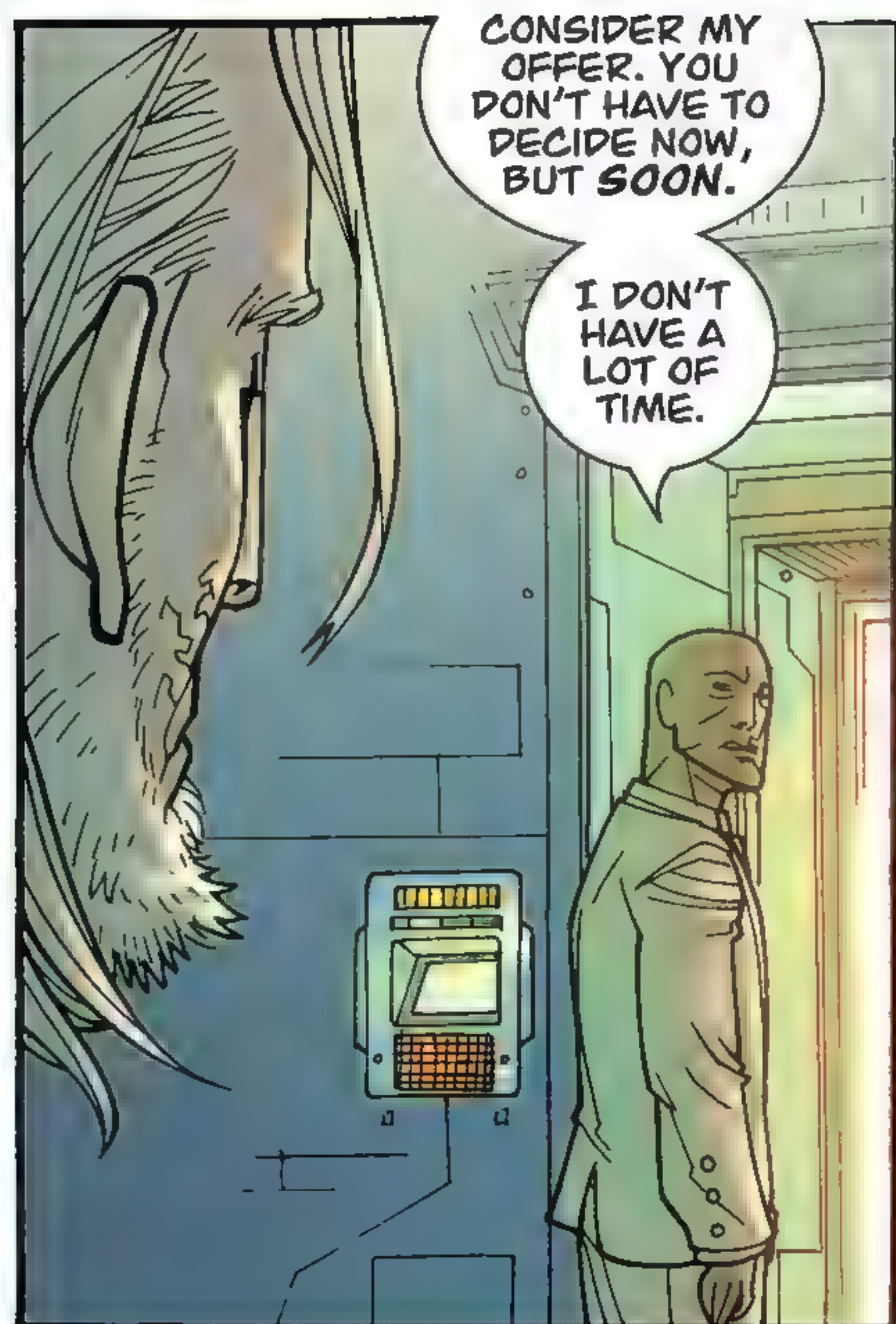
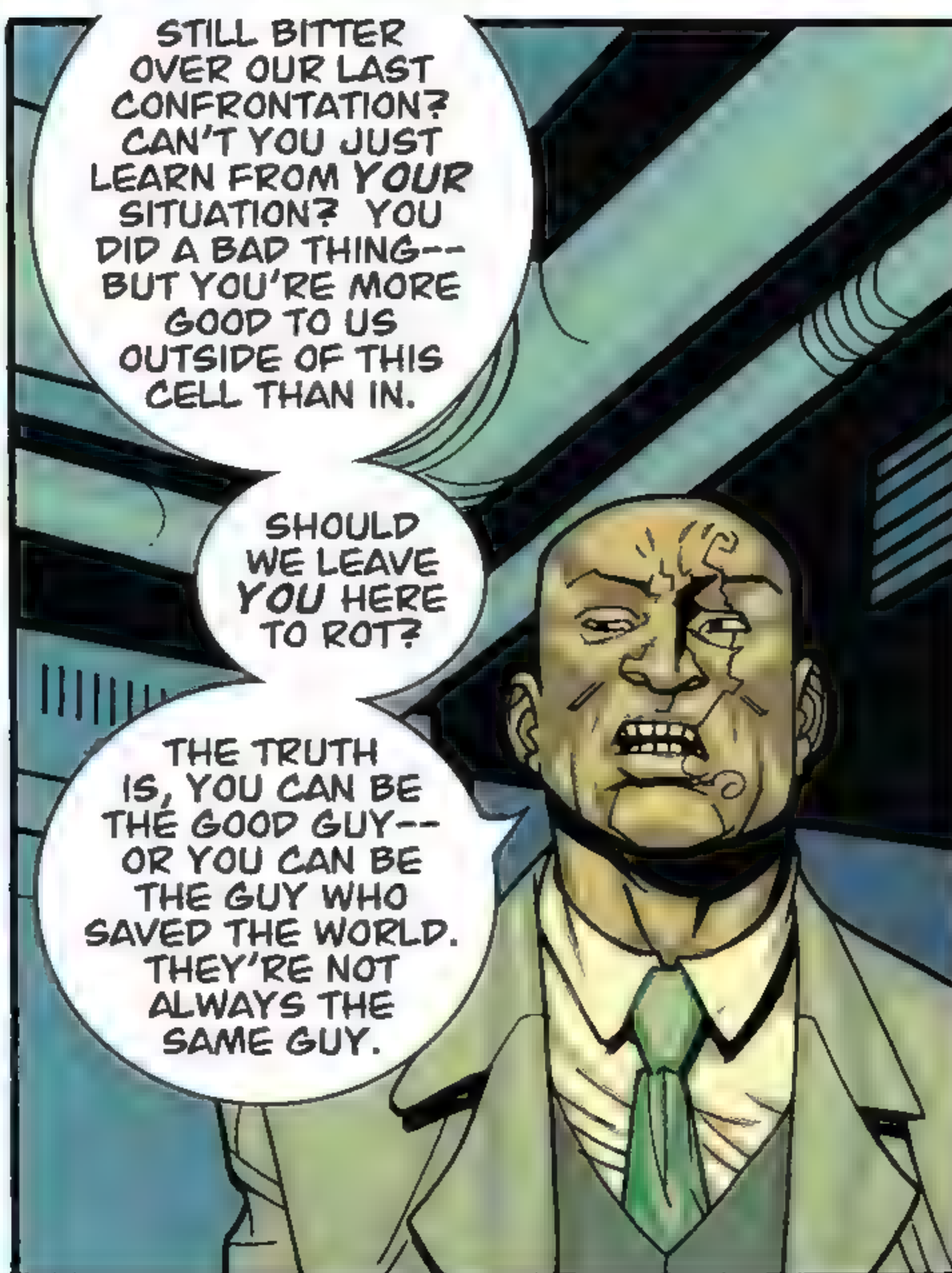
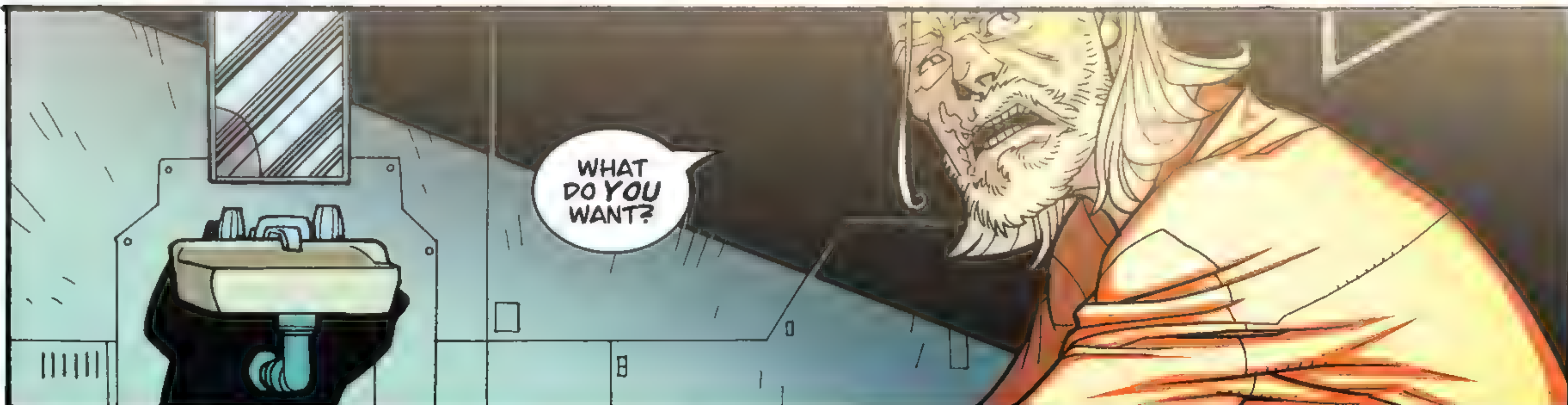
WELL, THEN LET ME THANK THEM.

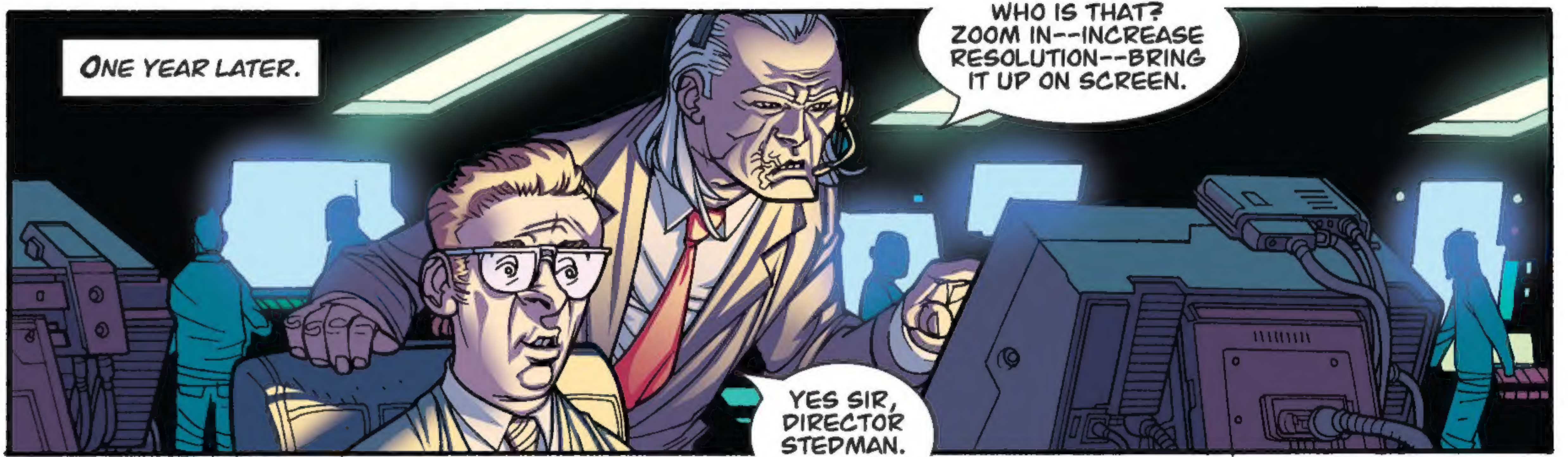


OH, MY GOD...



CECIL,
OLD FRIEND...
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?







HMN?

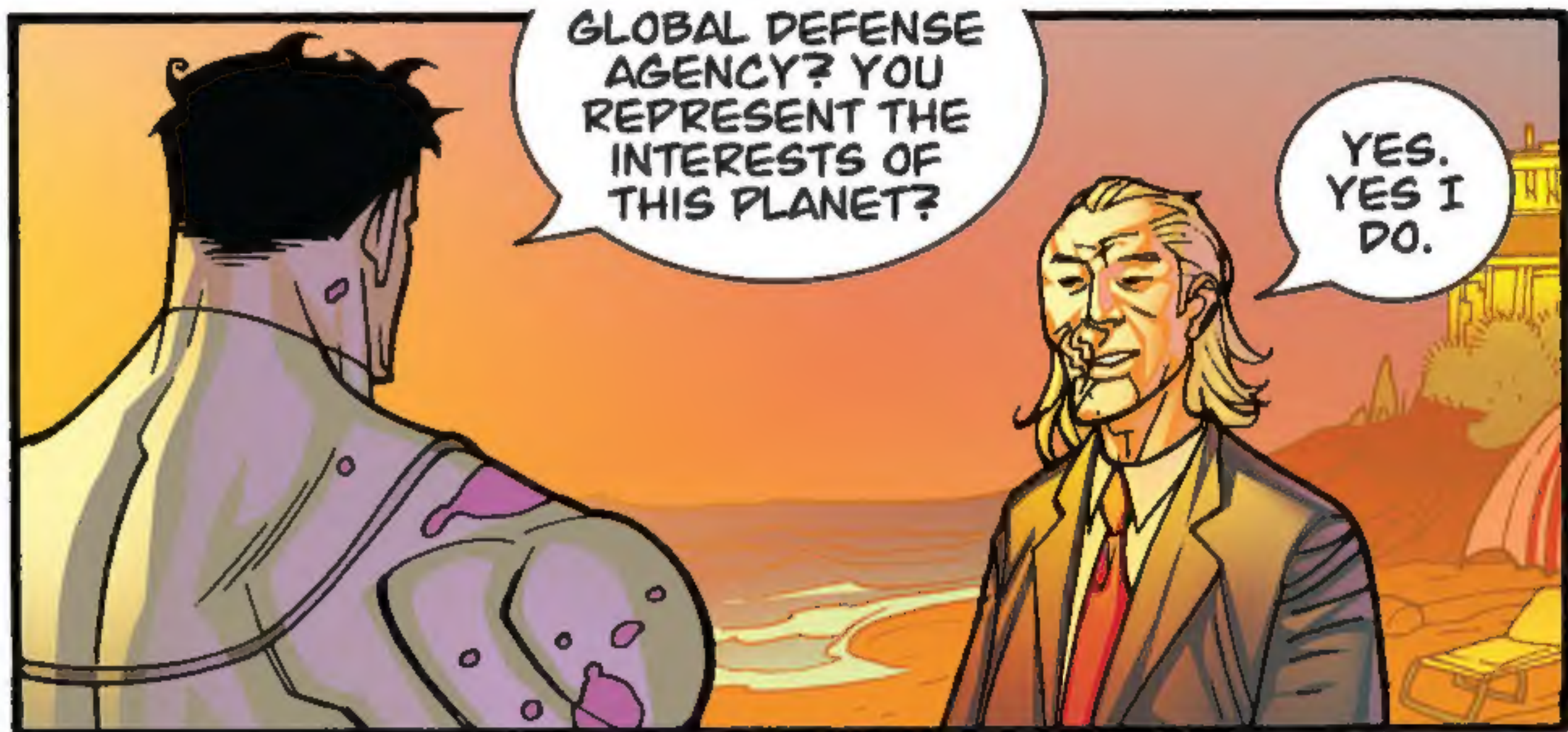
EXCUSE ME, SIR. COULD I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?



WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS CECIL STEDMAN, I'M THE HEAD OF THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY. YOU'VE DISPLAYED A RANGE OF ABILITIES HERE TODAY THAT MY AGENCY WOULD DEEM--



GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY? YOU REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THIS PLANET?

YES. YES I DO.



THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU AS WELL. I'VE COME HERE TO PROTECT THIS PLANET.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN LEARNING THE CUSTOMS AND BEHAVIORS OF ITS PEOPLE.



THAT, I CAN DEFINITELY HELP YOU WITH--AS WELL AS YOUR MISSION IN GENERAL. YOU SEE, WE HAVE THE SAME JOB. COME BACK TO MY HEADQUARTERS WITH ME--IT'LL BE EASIER TO TALK THERE.

OKAY, BUT--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. MY PEOPLE WILL CLEAN IT UP.

